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'LET US KNOW YOU'RE OKAY' PLEADS DAD

THE distraught father of a missing man has made a renewed appeal for him to get in touch.

John Lambert urged 20-year-old Richard McGregor Lambert to pick up the phone and let him know he is safe and well.

The moving appeal was made at a press conference at Medway police HQ yesterday – five months after his eldest son went missing.

John said: "Richard's mum Marion is not doing so well; she's really breaking down at the slightest thing.

"But if we received one phone call or

EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

message from Richard saying he's ok, then at least we could sleep at night."

Richard was last seen in Maidstone in the early hours of Saturday, June 13. He had been enjoying a night out with his girlfriend and friends and had planned to spend the night at a friend's house nearby.

After a disagreement with his girlfriend Richard drove his car – a distinctive Ford Fiesta ST 500 – to serv-

ices near the M1. He returned to his home in Fowey Close, Chatham, at 5.45am but left soon afterwards. The car has not been found.

Richard used his mobile phone, but it has been switched off since 6.10am.

He has not used a debit card and his passport is still at home.

Close friend Laurence Beer was one of the last people to see Richard. He said: "We had all gone out for my then girlfriend Jess's 18th birthday party.

"We went back to her house at about 2.30am and Richard and his girlfriend started to argue about money.

"He said 'it's over', and drove off.

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Richard McGregor Lambert was last seen in Maidstone in June of this year. He had been enjoying a night out with his girlfriend and friends but drove his car – a black Ford Fiesta ST 500 – to services near the M1 in the early hours of the morning.

He then drove back to his home in Fowey Close, Chatham, at about 5.45am on Saturday, June 13 but left soon afterwards.

He has not been seen since.

Dad John Lambert and close friend Laurence Beer have made a renewed appeal for him to get in touch and let his family and friends know he is safe.

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Drugs officers take toddler to safe house

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A TWO-year-old toddler was taken into care after her father was arrested for being under the influence of drugs and carrying a wrap of heroin.

The young girl was taken to a safe house after neighbourhood officers stopped her dad in Henry Street, Chatham, at 8.35pm on Thursday, October 29.

The 22-year-old man, who was pushing the girl in a pram, admitted to having smoked cannabis and possessing class A heroin.

The girl's mother was called and after checks by the police and social workers, including a visit to her home, she was allowed to take her daughter home.

Officers later released the father with a police caution.

Medway Council's children and adult services director Rose Collinson said: "Our absolute priority is that children and young people are safe and cared for.

"Operation Stay Safe is a piece of important partnership work to ensure this can happen.

"Medway's children's services will support the family to ensure the child's future safety."

Medway police Insp Simon Alland, in charge of Operation Stay Safe, said: "The safety and wellbeing of children was the priority for this operation."

Operation Stay Safe, being trialled for the first time in Kent, had Kent Police in Medway working alongside Medway Council's social services, safer communities, youth service and young offending team plus Kent Fire and Rescue Service.

The main areas targeted included



CAUTIONED: The toddler's father admitted carrying heroin and smoking cannabis

the All Saints, Weedswood and Wayfield areas of Chatham in response to concern from residents.

Provisional figures show police patrols identified 45 young people aged under 16 who were out late at night and considered to be at risk of becoming victims of crime or being drawn into criminal behaviour.

Of these, 12 were taken directly home by police, with a further three taken to the designated safe place. In these cases parents were then informed and asked to collect their children.

Chief Superintendent Steve Corbishley, area commander for Kent Police in Medway and the chair of Medway Community Safety Partnership, said: "Operation Stay Safe has proved an effective way of protecting our youngest citizens from getting involved or being a victim of anti-social behaviour."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Service pays tribute to race campaigner

A MEMORIAL service will be held this weekend to pay tribute to the late dedicated Medway race relations campaigner Syed Ikram Ali.

The service will be attended by his family, former colleagues and friends.

Ch Insp Steve Corbishley will pay a personal tribute to Mr Ali.

He said: "Mr Ali's death has left a huge void not only in the lives of his family, but also for us left behind to continue his work of bringing the various communities of Medway closer."

Mr Ali, Medway Human Rights and Equality Council chairman, died in June, aged 71. The service will be held at Medway Council's Gun Wharf offices from 2pm on Saturday.

Come and look round new sports facilities

FREE guided tours of the Medway park sports complex are being offered this month.

Visitors will be shown around the swimming pool, changing rooms, gym, judo centre, squash courts, conference facilities, gymnastics hall and running track on Saturday, November 14 at 10am, 11am and noon, and at 10am and 2pm on Monday 16, Wednesday 18, and Friday 20.

Each tour will last about half an hour. There is no need to book and children are welcome. Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult.

For details call 01634 336651 or visit www.medwaypark.com

Benefits claimant: dates correction

WE would like to point out that a story this paper ran last week wrongly stated that Tyrone Jeffries claimed Jobseeker's Allowance payments between August 2007 and July of this year.

In fact, Mr Jeffries claimed JSA between August 30, 2007 and July 24 2008.

Mr Jeffries, of Albatross Avenue, Rochester, appeared before Medway Magistrates Court where he was sentenced to 60 hours' unpaid work.




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Lib Dems in call to council to get roadworks in order

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE Liberal Democrats have called on council chiefs to put an end to Medway's never-ending cycle of roadworks misery.

Councillor Herby Crack led the charge, accusing Medway council and utility companies of failing to co-ordinate the works – leading to constant delays and tailbacks across the towns.

At last week's regeneration committee hearing the Watling ward representative said the current position was unacceptable.

He said: "It is ridiculous that when the council resurfaces a road or builds a new road or pavement, that three weeks later a host of utility companies regularly come and dig it up again.

Congestion

"This also causes more congestion with works occurring on several occasions rather than just once. The council must make sure they co-ordinate utility works both with council works and with one another.

"They must also ensure roads and pavements are reinstated to the condition they initially found them in."

Medway Council's front line services boss Phil Filmer refuted Cllr Crack's claims, saying: "The council works closely with utility companies to avoid the type of issues that Liberals are referring to.

"Under the Traffic Management Act, companies liaise with us and book in advance when the work is to take place and it is only in emergencies that this alters."

Earlier this year KCC launched a permit



ROAD BLOCK: Council and utilities firms are under attack over poorly co-ordinated roadworks and delays they cause

scheme designed at keeping roadworks disruption to a minimum.

The initiative, which is the first of its kind in the UK, gives the county council the power to issue fines of up to £5,000 to utilities companies that carry out work without a permit.

Firms that over-run the agreed length of work time will also be charged £2,500 per day.

The innovative scheme, which will be introduced early next year, has been welcomed by the trade association the National Joint Utilities Group.

Chief executive Les Guest said: "We have worked closely with Kent over the last year to ensure the proposal is workable, fair and effi-

cient at addressing its aim – the reduction of congestion.

"We are particularly pleased that it focuses on works on the busiest streets, therefore allowing utilities to prioritise those jobs that have the largest impact on congestion while allowing flexibility to work economically on other works as demanded by our regulators and customers."

Cllr Filmer said Medway Council had no plans to adopt a similar system.

He said: "Under the present legislation we can already issue fines if necessary and co-ordinate the activities on our roads with utility companies."

Suicide bid Nigerian girl will have asylum plea heard in court

A TEN-year-old girl who attempted to kill herself while in 'custody' awaiting deportation has won the right to have her case heard in court.

Gillingham primary school pupil Adeoti Ogunsola was due to be sent to Nigeria last week but was given a last-minute reprieve by a High Court judge.

The youngster and her mother Clementina Ogunsola say they fled to the UK in fear for their lives.

Earlier this year Clementina said she discovered her two brothers and father had been murdered and that her mother had also fled the family home.

A hearing was due to take last Wednesday but Border Agency bosses contacted the girl's lawyer by letter yesterday saying they are happy for a court to hear the full case in the near future.

Full facts

The girl's representative, Harriet Wistrich, said: "It's good news and means we can put the full facts before a judge."

Adeoti, who attends St Mary's Catholic Primary School, carried out her failed suicide bid at the Tinsley House immigration removal centre, near Gatwick airport, where she was being held with her mum.

She tied an electric flex around her neck in the night and was only saved by a member of staff passing the kitchen.

After her failed suicide bid, Adeoti told her mother: "I want to die here, not in Nigeria."

Medical experts also warned about keeping her locked up because it was causing her to become deeply depressed.

Clementina has been advised not to make any more public statements for a while, but she previously told KOS Media that life in Nigeria was "a living hell".

Mrs Ogunsola, 35, said she has her fingers crossed for a happy outcome, saying: "It is a small step, now we have to wait even more."

'We assume no news is good news'

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

"He left a voicemail on Jess's phone saying he would be back in a few days. We haven't heard from him since then. I miss him like mad. There's an empty hole now he's gone.

"I'd like him to let us know he's alright. If he doesn't want to come home then that's fine, just let us know he's ok."

Dad John said he was clinging to the fact that as Richard's car had not been found, he is safe and well.

He said: "We're assuming no news is good news.

"I genuinely think if anything untoward had happened to him we would have found out fairly quickly.

"I'd urge him, please just make one phone call to let us know you're ok. That's all we need to know.

"If you want to meet then that's fine and if you feel you can't speak to us then you can call the police or missing person's helpline."

If you have any information on Richard's whereabouts or have seen him or his car, call Kent Police on 01634 792517 or email amet.medway@kent.pnn.police.uk.

Alternatively call the Missing People helpline on 0500 700 700.

Air your concerns over mobile phone masts at meeting

THE potential health risks of high-powered mobile phone masts will be discussed at a public meeting tomorrow.

The debate will include presentations from three of the country's leading mobile phone companies, the Health Protection Agency and Radiation Research Trust.

Committee chairman, Cllr Mike O'Brien, said: "This should be an interesting and lively debate on a subject that people are becoming increasingly aware of.

"We are pleased to have so many prominent organisations present and I hope people take up the opportunity to learn more about health issues and to get involved in the discussion."

The meeting follows a series of campaigns and protests from a group of parents who are angry that a 3G mast has been installed just 100ft away from St Mary's RC primary school in Gillingham.

Concerned families have protested against the Vodafone mast due to



PROTEST: Families are angry at the mast installed near St Mary's primary in Gillingham

worries over the health issues associated with it.

Parent Mike Evans said: "We think young children's lives are being put at risk not for the benefit of Gillingham residents but so that commuters on the train are able to access their Blackberrys and laptops.

"I'm no scientist but what I do know is that Vodafone and other mobile phone companies say there are gaps in the knowledge about radiation from phone masts."

The meeting will take place at Gun Wharf, Chatham at 5pm.

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Why community cops take speeding seriously

A SPEEDING motorist was clocked driving at 53mph in a 30mph zone.

The driver was one of six people stopped during a police crackdown in Walderslade village after the problem was raised at a Police and Communities Together meeting.

PCSO Mark Squires said: "This is a great example of the PACT process. It is by listening to people's concerns that we can find out the issues that matter to them and take action."

Made in Medway contest could win you £1,000

A PILOT project has been launched to encourage designers to develop new products.

Made in Medway aims to turn basic ideas into goods, taking them from the drawing board to the shop shelves.

Fifteen successful product ideas will be receive up to £1,000 funding and the opportunity to work with a manufacturer to create the product. The deadline for designs is Wednesday, November 11. For more details email Info@madeinmedway.com

You can meet a microbe at the Maritime Hospital

HEALTH chiefs are offering residents behind-the-scenes tours of Medway Maritime Hospital as part of national pathology week.

Visitors can see how cultures are grown in a hospital lab; learn how microbes spread or find out about the role of blood.

The guided tours will take place today and tomorrow at 10am, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm.

Places must be booked in advance. Call Amanda White on 01634 825217.

Film conference promises students a great beginning

THE tenth annual Medway Media Conference takes place next week.

The event gives students from Kent and Medway opportunities to see a series of presentations, talks and film screenings.

This year the theme is great beginnings, and it culminates with a showing of the 1958 French film 400 Blows.

The conference will be held at the Central Theatre, Chatham, on Tuesday, November 10. For details call Toni Clarke on 01634 204633

Takeover of tunnel a bad deal, says MP

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

OWNERSHIP of the Medway Tunnel has now officially been transferred to the council, lighting a ticking time-bomb for taxpayers.

Under the terms of the transfer, previous owners the Rochester Bridge Trust have given Medway Council bosses a one-off payment of £3.648 million.

Once this cash runs out, Medway taxpayers will be left to shoulder the upkeep costs.

MP Jonathan Shaw, who had campaigned tirelessly against the sale, said: "This has been a dark day for the RBT and Medway Council."

He added: "This bad deal will burden Medway residents with a £2 million bill every year. Under the existing arrangement RBT made a significant contribution to the annual running costs of the tunnel. This bad deal could lead to a shortfall – leading to cut in services or higher council tax bills."

"I want the elected body to take full responsibility of the entire transport infrastructure in Medway – but not in this way – where the taxpayer picks up the bill."

"The deal has come under a huge amount of public scrutiny and my constituents are asking why a local charity, whose primary objective is to maintain river crossings in Medway – is selling one of their main assets for £1?"

RBT senior warden Dr Anne Logan said: "Medway Council has been running the tunnel since 1998 and it makes sense for it to own the freehold, removing a layer of unnecessary bureaucracy."

"The Trust is a local charity that exists to serve the travelling public and we will now focus on managing and maintaining the road bridges at Rochester, which we've done successfully for centuries at no cost to the community."

A spokesperson for Medway Council added: "We are pleased to have concluded an arrangement transferring the ownership of the Medway Tunnel to Medway Council."

"The tunnel is used by up to 40,000 vehicles every day and is a major artery across Medway."

"We have secured significant funding from



DARK DAY: MP Jonathan Shaw believes taxpayers could end up footing huge maintenance bills

the previous owners to maintain the tunnel for many years to come which, coupled with finance from Department for Transport and the council itself, means that we can invest in much-needed works.

"These include more energy-efficient lighting, a new CCTV system to monitor traffic conditions 24 hours a day, an upgrade of the electrical systems which drive the pumps to keep the tunnel dry and a possible wind turbine to generate the power we need."

"By owning the tunnel we now have total control over road works inside and can help to guarantee its long term future, rather than relying on a charity whose payments to us would always be at their total discretion."



Motorbike workshop pays off

YOUNGSTERS got to grips with motorbike engines during a hands-on road safety workshop.

Dozens of teenagers were given the chance to learn a range of mechanical skills at a series of hands-on sessions organised by Medway Police's off-road bike intensive training team.

ORBIT operations manager Mark Riches said: "We're in a unique position because we are the only mobile motorbike project like this in the country. We are able to teach the kids road safety skills as well as mechanical skills to work on engines."

Officers from Medway Police Station helped

out at the event, as they used it as an opportunity to engage with young residents.

Chattenden PCSO John Hucks added: "It's an idea that's proved really successful in London and we hope that success can be replicated in Medway."

"The project makes the youngsters very safety conscious and they're really keen to engage."

"We would love to get a full-time project in Medway and the kids know if they want that to happen they have to continue to behave and support the work we do in the local community."

The sessions were held in Chattenden during the half-term school break.



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RECOVERING: Tony Gutteridge with paramedic Pete Tucker and Dr Carin Dear, the team who saved his life

Biker's £1,000 thank you to air ambulance

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A BIKER who suffered horrendous injuries in a near fatal crash earlier this year has paid tribute to the air ambulance crew members who helped save his life.

Tony Gutteridge, 64, from Wigmore, came off his bike near Leeds Castle in February, after colliding with a turning car.

The grandfather-of-two suffered life-threatening injuries in the crash; breaking his spine, arm, nose, several ribs and his right leg in two places. He also lost four teeth and suffered severe facial injuries.

But he is now on the long road to recovery, thanks to the efforts of the helicopter emergency crew.

Tony thanked the doctor and paramedic who helped to save his life – Dr Carin Dear and paramedic Pete Tucker – at the Air Ambulance's Marden base last week and also handed over a cheque for £1,000 to help keep the vital service airborne.

He said: "It was great meeting the people who saved my life. It's a moment I will treasure forever."

Recalling the horrendous crash, Tony said: "I remember everything right up until the collision – it all happened very quickly.

"I then woke up on the ground and my leg was in terrible agony.

"I can vaguely remember asking someone to relieve me of the pain, before I passed out.

"I then woke up 10 days later at the Royal London Hospital."

Such were the extent of Tony's injuries that his wife of 37 years, Pauline, was told to race to his bedside.

She said: "I'd been out and came home to an empty house; I thought Tony would have been back.

"There was a knock at the door and two police officers stood there – my heart sank, it



GRATEFUL: Tony Gutteridge with his wife Pauline and daughter Wendy Wells

was such a horrendous feeling. They advised me and my three children to get to the hospital – fast."

Dr Dear said she thought Tony would die of his injuries, saying: "When we arrived at the scene we were faced with someone with severe injuries, to the extent that we really didn't think the patient would survive – we were really working against the clock.

"So I really couldn't believe my eyes when Tony came into the hangar.

"His injuries and age should have been against him, but he is a clear fighter and someone who is determined to survive.

"I didn't recognise Tony to begin with, but seeing him so healthy compared to the first time I met him on the A20 makes my job all worthwhile.

"It's not a regular occurrence for us to meet our patients once they've left hospital, but when we do and it has such a positive outcome, it can be quite emotional."

The Air Ambulance service in Kent, Surrey and Sussex needs about £3.4 million annually to stay airborne.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Unregistered boat owner fined £500 on Medway

A BOATER has been ordered to pay more than £500 after failing to register his vessel.

Andrew Handley, of Carrington Close, Gillingham, appeared before Medway Magistrates Court after refusing to pay the £213 registration fee required to use his boat on the River Medway.

The court heard Handley missed several reminders to pay the fee for his vessel, Winkie II. He was fined £175 and ordered to pay costs of £115, a victim surcharge fee of £15 and the outstanding registration fee.

The Environment Agency's waterways manager John Morgan said: "We rely on boat registration money to help fund important projects to improve the quality of the river.

"Those who fail to register their boats are taking advantage of those who do.

"Prosecution is always a last resort. We place reminders on the boat and send letters to the boat keeper."

Boys face damage charge

TWO teenagers were arrested by police on suspicion of causing criminal damage at Cliffe Woods doctor's surgery.

The boys were arrested after CCTV footage captured vandals targeting the centre.

A 17-year-old was released on bail until Wednesday, November 11, and an 18-year-old was given a police caution.

Cliffe neighbourhood officer PC John Fallon said: "We are keen to tackle the issues that matter to the community."

The next police surgery for the area is from 6-8pm on Thursday, November 12.

Art for visually-impaired

AN ART workshop aimed at the visually-impaired will be held at Chatham Dockyard today.

The creative session will be led by artist Wendy Daws and has been organised in conjunction with the Kent Association for the Blind.

A Medway KAB spokesman said: "The class gives visually-impaired people the chance to try drawing and painting. Wendy's classes are always lively and good fun."

The workshop takes place at the Ignition Gallery from 10.30am. For more information call KAB on 01634 332929.

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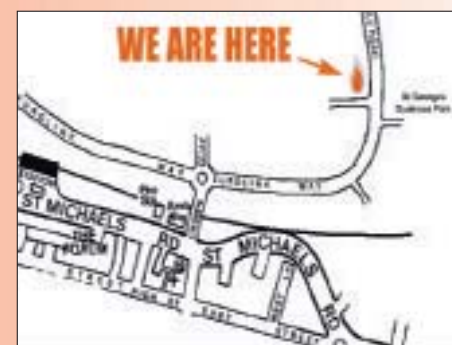
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On top of ten prestigious trophies, the category winners and those which were highly commended also shared a prize fund worth £1 million in advertising and marketing across KOS Media's award-winning newspapers and other media.

But the group's managing director, Paul Stannard, told the 120 people at the awards dinner, held at the Tudor Park Hotel, Bearsted, Maidstone, on Thursday, that a winner sometimes looks for more than a trophy or certificate.

"So we got together with our directors and sponsors and said, 'Let's really do something big where we give the winners real publicity for a sustained period – not just the week after winning the award'.

"We wanted to encourage local businesses and organisations to stand up in the face of the downturn and show that our county's business community is determined to thrive and not just survive.

"We challenged them to give us a reason to help them reach out to more of their cus-



WELL DONE: KOS Media's Dean Headley presents the Community Award to Tony Witts of Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre



ABOVE: Malcolm Hayday, centre, of Charity Bank, receives the Innovation Award
LEFT: Fulston Manor School headteacher Alan Brookes receives the Public Sector Award from Mark Laughton, a partner with Burgess Hodgson

tomers and communities with our £1m advertising and marketing prize fund."

More than 200 entries were received – from firms and organisations large and small – looking to impress the judges with their passion, drive and vision.

Winner in two categories on the night was Charity Bank, which scooped the Innovation and Employer Awards.

Chief executive Malcolm Hayday was asked about the rough ride banks had endured during the economic downturn.

"If you can be transparent in what you do and win the trust of people, which is what banking should be all about, then there is very much a big role for banks that reflect those traditions," he said.

"We believe in connecting our depositors with our borrowers so people know exactly where their money is going."

He also enthused about the publicity and advertising benefits from winning the award, as well as the two trophies, which would help promote his organisation's work and overcome the tendency for the big banks to gain more column inches.

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FULL LIST OF WINNERS

Charity Award Winner:

Council for the Protection of Rural England (Kent)

Highly Commended:

RSPCA Isle of Thanet branch incorporating East Kent Animal Centre; Aspinall Foundation; Caldecott Foundation.

New Business/Product Award Winner:

Move 'n' Smooth

Highly Commended:

UBLOW, Herne Bay Mobility and Mediterranean Direct

Innovation Award Winner:

Charity Bank

Highly Commended:

Scents of Time, TextQube and Jali

Public Sector Award Winner:

Fulston Manor School

Highly Commended:

Education Sense and Kent Youth Theatre

Community Award Winner:

Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre

Highly Commended:

Theatre Royal, Margate

Employer Award Winner:

Charity Bank

Highly Commended:

D&D Autos, GerrardWhite and Porchlight

Leisure and Tourism Award Joint Winners:

The Secret Gardens of Sandwich and Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust

Highly Commended:

The Bell Hotel and Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest

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Macknade Fine Foods

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QUESTION & ANSWER

DENIS TURNER



Q Tell us a little about yourself.

A I was trained as an electrical engineer. In 1961, I began working for British Sisalkraft Ltd in Strood as a market researcher and left in 1973, having run the business for three years.

I later built a self-catering estate in the Lake District, after which I did 20 years in consultancy and charity work.

Q When did you become involved with MidKent College and what was your role?

A My first contact with the college was as a student.

I completed two courses there in the 1980s, the first a teaching qualification, and the second, a post-graduate diploma in business management.

I joined the college's governing body in 1990 before being elected as Chairman in 2001.

Q What vision did you have for the college when you were promoted to governing body chair?

A It was very important to me then, as it is now, that we should strive to find new ways of encouraging young people to move into further education.

I also recognised that if the corporation was to be truly successful, it needed to have the capacity to earn income other than from the Department of Education.



CHANGES: MidKent College's campus in Gillingham

Q What changes have occurred at the College in that time?

A The changes have been substantial. Very soon after I became chairman, the college started extending the buildings at its Maidstone site.

At the same time, initial plans for the new campus, which recently opened in Gillingham were being discussed.

Negotiations with the Ministry of Defence for the Royal School of Military Engineering

(RSME) contract were finalised and earlier this year the college was rated as good by Ofsted.

Q What is your proudest achievement with MidKent College?

A Definitely the achievement of a contract to supply non-military training for soldiers at the RSME.

Here, the college is not paid in order to do a job, but paid for having done a job well. There is an enormous sense of satisfaction to be taken from that.

Q How well placed is the college, going forward?

A Very well placed, because it has an outstanding ability to achieve more. The college's contract with the RSME means that a third of its income now comes from external sources as opposed to government funding – placing it in a strong financial position.

It also has an extremely able management team with the capacity to extend upon and strengthen the visions of its governing body.

Q What are your future plans?

A I've been promising my children and grandchildren that I will write our family history. After that I'll be looking for a new interest which occupies my mind and keeps me from getting old!

Q & A

The former MidKent College chairman talks about his decision to step down from the college's panel after 20 years, his proudest moment in charge and the way the college has changed in the last two decades

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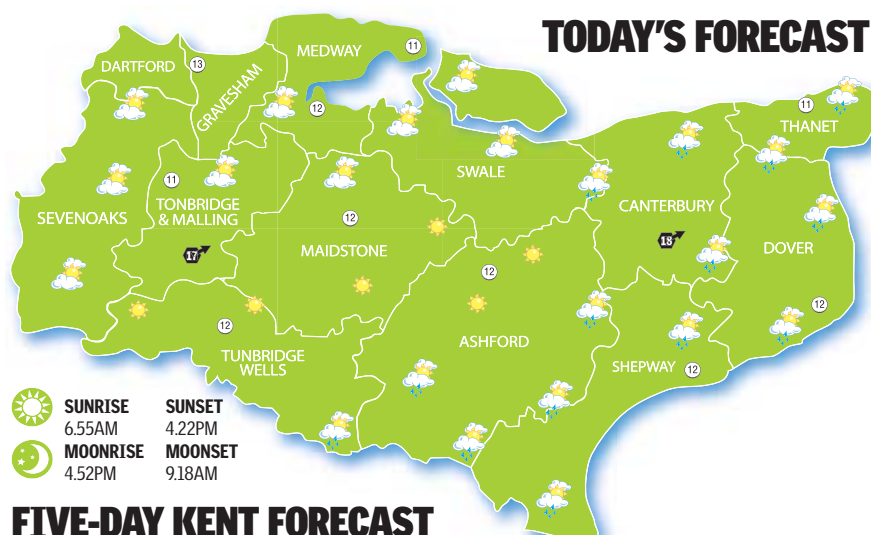
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Dover	Saturday	1:36pm	6.3m
	Sunday	2:39pm	6.0m
Dungeness	Saturday	1:36pm	7.6m
	Sunday	2:25pm	7.2m
Ramsgate	Saturday	2:06pm	4.8m
	Sunday	3:09pm	4.6m
Sheerness	Saturday	3:19pm	5.7m
	Sunday	4:12pm	5.5m
Whitstable	Saturday	3:24pm	5.2m
	Sunday	4:16pm	5.0m

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Amsterdam	12°C	Madrid	17°C
Athens	11°C	New York	13°C
Barcelona	22°C	Paris	10°C
Beijing	10°C	Rome	16°C
Bombay	35°C	Sydney	24°C
Cape Town	29°C	Tenerife	26°C
Cardiff	11°C	Tokyo	15°C
Gibraltar	23°C	Vancouver	11°C
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Chatham	15°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	10°C	Ramsgate	15°C	11°C	11°C	11°C	10°C
Dartford	15°C	13°C	12°C	12°C	11°C	Rochester	15°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	10°C
Dover	14°C	12°C	10°C	11°C	10°C	Sevenoaks	13°C	11°C	10°C	11°C	9°C
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Gillingham	15°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	10°C	Tun Wells	14°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C

Tourism scheme secures future of maritime past

A MULTI-million-pound project to improve and develop maritime tourism in Medway, Kent and northern Europe has been launched at Chatham Historic Dockyard.

The £4.2 million heritage scheme will benefit a host of top attractions across the towns.

Planned improvements include opening new galleries at Rochester's Guildhall Museum, creating new displays at Upnor Castle and restoring the dockyard's internal railway.

Medway's tourist chiefs will work closely with partners across the UK as well as in France, Belgium and The Netherlands.

Tourism boss Jane Chitty said: "This initiative will enable us to improve and develop our maritime heritage sites, take part in cross-border events, share best practice and promote the rich heritage of our coastal areas."

"This funding will secure our maritime heritage for years to come."



BIG LAUNCH: The town crier helps Councillor Jane Chitty welcome European dignitaries Ludo Valcke, Carien Bolijn, and Gérard Grenat to Chatham Historic Dockyard

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Moving stories behind city's war memorial

A TEAM of dedicated historians will tell the stories behind the names on the St Dunstan's war memorial, in Canterbury, to commemorate this year's Remembrance Sunday.

Those who will be remembered include George Austen, who was among 814 British prisoners of war crammed aboard an Italian ship that was torpedoed and sunk by a British submarine, with the loss of 783 lives.

But his family did not know how he died until 54 years later when details of the tragedy were finally released by the Ministry of Defence.

George's story, and those of all the other men named on the war memorial, will be told at an exhibition on Remembrance Sunday (November 8).

Photographs, letters and first-hand accounts, will trace the lives of those who died in the First and Second World Wars.

Margaret Dixey, who carried out the research, said: "There are so many moving stories to tell."

The exhibition, called Not Just A Name, will be held at St Dunstan's Church Hall on Sunday from 11-4pm, admission free.

Arrest over handgun

A MAN was arrested after someone was seen wandering around a village carrying a handgun.

An armed response unit from Kent Police was called to Taylor Lane in Trottiscliffe, near West Malling, at 7.40pm on Thursday.

A police spokeswoman said the officers spotted a man and used a dog to track him until he could be arrested. On Friday he was being questioned in custody at a police station. He is being held under the Mental Health Act.

'The force is homophobic' claims gay officer at trial

■ BY JAMIE MCGINNES

A LESBIAN police officer accused her force of "institutional homophobia" for refusing to let her girlfriend work on the same shift as her, a tribunal heard last week.

Sgt Jasmine Stewart asked if her gay partner Mhairi Gilchrist, 29, could join her team at Ashford Police Station in January, 2006.

But Ms Stewart, a mother-of-two from Ashford, claimed Insp Terry Reene told her: "People here wouldn't like it, you two being a couple."

The 39-year-old – who worked for the British Transport Police (BTP) – claimed officers objected as she was in a same-sex relationship.

She told the tribunal in Ashford: "I felt the way it was said was because Mhairi and I were gay."

Ms Stewart, who joined the BTP in September, 2005, said there were many other examples of straight couples working together, but she had been discriminated against because she was gay.

She added: "I have worked with a number of officers in the BTP who are partners, who are



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TRIBUNAL CLAIMS: Sgt Jasmine Stewart

supervisory and subordinate and that works very well.

"They just happened to be heterosexual."

The hearing was told Ms Stewart threatened to start a grievance procedure if her lover was not allowed onto the same shift.

As a result, the force backed down and accepted her request.

However, Ms Stewart, fighting a sexual discrimination case against the BTP, said the

decision to allow her to work on the same shift with her girlfriend led to hostility from other officers.

She said: "There were comments made on a daily basis like 'I don't know why you want to go to one of those meetings – it's for the poofs'."

As well as frequent remarks, Ms Stewart, formerly with Sussex Police for nine-and-a-half years, claimed she and her partner were the butt of jokes about their sexuality.

Benjamin Uduje, representing the force, said other officers had been aware of and accepted Ms Stewart's sexuality, as well as being sympathetic to her childcare demands.

He said: "[That was] not the action of a force that was institutionally homophobic or had a culture of homophobia."

The force says Ms Stewart's request for her lesbian partner to be on the same shift as her was turned down because officers felt it was inappropriate for a couple to be working together so closely.

It rejects Ms Stewart's claims of sexual discrimination and on the grounds of her sexual orientation.

Miss Stewart was formerly dismissed from the force in April, 2009, on the grounds of non-attendance.

Her partner has also since been sacked, the tribunal heard.

The hearing is due last two weeks.



TO SIR WITH LOVE: Maths teacher Dan Walton celebrates the win with his students

MATHS teacher Dan Walton has returned from his half-term holiday as the undisputed king of the classroom.

The 34-year-old employee of St John's Catholic Comprehensive in Gravesend was named secondary school teacher of the year at the UK Teaching Awards ceremony, which was screened live on BBC Two.

Described by judges as being at

Teacher top of the class at national awards

"the forefront of innovation", Mr Walton learnt of the news days earlier when BBC Sport presenter Jake Humphrey paid a surprise visit to Kent to present him with his trophy.

Mr Walton said: "I wasn't expecting it at all. It's a fantastic feeling to win. This is something

the school, children and community can be really proud of.

"I personally take pride in making my subject interesting. I try to make sure every time the kids leave the classroom they have learned something new."

A graduate of the University of Hull, Mr Walton spent a year

doing voluntary work at a school in South Africa before returning to England to carry out his teacher training at St John's.

Eight years on and he is now regarded as one of the best in his profession, with his lessons being shown to other teachers as an example of best practice.

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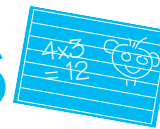


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BREAK TIME



OPTIONS: Student Emma Mulcrow, 21, with Chelsea Porter, KCC gap year adviser

Students explore their opportunities

HUNDREDS of students were given the chance to talk key employers, charity groups and organisations from across Kent at the Universities at Medway Opportunities 09 event.

The undergraduates were also able to discuss volunteering opportunities as well as part and full-time work placements with the likes of the Kent Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency.

The University of Greenwich at Medway's Carol Welfare said she was delighted with the response from both students and potential employers.

"These are difficult times and our students are very aware that the graduate jobs market is becoming increasingly competitive," she said.



CHAMPIONS: The girls from Thomas Aveling School, who were undefeated throughout the competition, and the winning boys' team from the Math School, Rochester

Hockey teams rise to the challenge at competition

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

THE Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School took an early lead in the Medway Secondary School Games by claiming first place in the opening hockey event.

The Math School boys edged out their rivals from Chatham Grammar School for Boys and the Thomas Aveling School on goal difference after all finishing with one defeat apiece.

But the top team of the day was Thomas Aveling's girls' team, who remained undefeated in the inaugural girls' competition.

Fort Pitt Grammar School claimed second place and the fair play award while Chatham Grammar School for Girls finished third.

The boys' fair play award went to the team from St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School, who finished fifth overall.

Eleven teams took part in the 2009/2010 hockey competition, held at Holcombe Hockey Club, making it the largest-ever hockey event of the secondary school games.

Medway Council sports development officer John Hatchett said: "It was great to see more schools than ever at the hockey this year, and to run a girls' tournament for the first time."

"Many thanks to all of the volunteers from Holcombe Hockey Club and to Greenacre and Thomas Aveling Schools for their invaluable support. My congratulations to the winning teams."

The Games are an annual series of inter-school competitions organised by Medway Council as part of the Medway Games programme.

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The Government needs to consider their rules of deducting income tax and national insurance contributions at source. These deductions are meant to provide a safety-net for individuals to get them through periods of temporary unemployment during their working careers when individuals find themselves unemployed for various reasons and rely on the Government for short-term support.

Unfortunately in today's economic climate short-term unemployment can be six months or more, and this causes long-term financial damage. Meagre unemployment benefit payments are only good for the short-term and only stretch so far. After payments for food, utilities, travel costs and other sundry items there is very little left over to satisfy other financial demands.

During my period of unemployment I was attacked by many financial threats including accruing rent arrears, unpaid council tax and other creditors who demanded I made a financial contribution towards my debts with them.

The weeks were passing by and I was getting further into debt. The pinnacle point was reached when my rent arrears reached £2,600 and I was threatened with eviction from my private rented accommodation.

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Being homeless would have left me no chance of securing employment. If I was put in prison this would affect my career record as prospective employers would be unwilling to employ a 'jailbird'.

I know what I did was wrong and regret my actions but I had to survive and keep healthy and stay strong through this difficult period of my life.

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shells and did nothing. And so it continued with a stream of excuses; recession, finance, that political football, the Theatre Royal. The result was that Chatham High Street, once known as the golden mile, became nothing more than tin can alley. Most of the quality stores have gone and as everyone knows, the Pentagon has had posters over its upper floor windows for years asking us to 'watch this space for developments'. I'm still watching.

It's not that commercial matters are outside the council's remit. The Medway Towns need a partnership of commercial and residential development of mutual benefit to traders and residents alike.

Had the old Kent County Council and successive Medway Councils in turn made more effort to regenerate Chatham, albeit at the cost of increased rates, commercial companies may have continued investing here. But the council thought otherwise, even providing finance for the

Theatre Royal as a delaying tactic and an excuse not to invest in Chatham. Indeed, apart from the Historic Dockyard, which took 35 years to bring up to its current state, Chatham is one huge zero.

But let me return to the objections to Boris's Island. In KCC leader Paul Carter's view, the estuary airport is undeliverable. I don't believe you, Paul Carter. What I do believe is that it isn't in the interest of KCC that an industrial and commercial powerhouse should appear on Maidstone's doorstep.

And as for Medway Council's leader, Rodney Chambers, here is a chance to endow Medway residents with quality long term employment, an advanced infrastructure and huge business opportunities and all he can think about is birds. Mr Chambers, if the airport becomes a reality the birds will simply go elsewhere, say the Norfolk Broads. But to keep Medway in the dark ages for the sake of a few bird watchers is nonsense. Ornithologists do not put

bread on the table, give hope to struggling families or do anything to raise the standards of Medway.

We must be positive. With a burgeoning national population there will be a need for such development and while we may not like the idea, some areas of natural beauty will need to be sacrificed to accommodate it. Seeing the state of our local economy, it might as well be here.

One last point. The cost won't fall on Medway and Swale's shoulders; it will be national infrastructure, like the Channel Tunnel and as such the responsibility of Government. In my opening paragraph I expressed a fear of déjà vu, yet it doesn't have to be. If it turns out the venture is not feasible then so be it. But if we were to miss this chance without properly, rather than hysterically, examining the detail, we'd only have ourselves to blame.

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Comedian Vic Reeves will discuss his publication, *The Vast Book of World Knowledge*, while explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes narrows his gaze from great adventures abroad to his own family history.

Two actors will talk about their roles in enormously popular shows – Bill Pertwee speaks about his time playing ARP Warden Hodges in much-loved sitcom *Dad's Army*, and Charles Collingwood, who has played Brian in *The Archers* since 1975, reveals what life is like in the long-running radio drama.

Ion Trewin and Jane Clark will be giving a talk about Trewin's biography of the late Alan Clark, the charismatic MP and diarist, while Jo Brand reveals why she made the change from psychiatric nursing to stand-up comedy, along with some of the experiences that have contributed to her massive success.

There will be more laughs with Robin Ince introduces a number of special guests in his *School for Gifted Children Darwin Birthday Spectacular*.

Richard Madeley explores the relationships between fathers and sons, while actor Joss Ackland speaks about the incredible life of his late wife Rosemary, who died of motor neurone disease in 2002.

Acclaimed authors Victoria Hislop, Kate Mosse and Sophie Hannah will also be appearing, along with Gyles Brandreth, Lady Antonia Fraser, Brian Keenan, Rick Wakeman and David Aaronovitch.

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FESTIVAL STARS: Jo Brand, Richard Madeley, Victoria Hislop and Joss Ackland



Walker leads a master class in crime writing, and a special event will be held to announce the winners of this year's short story competition.

Susie Dent, the long-standing star of *Countdown's Dictionary Corner*, will be shedding light on the last 1,500 years of the English language, while Thomas Hennessey and Claire

Thomas reveal the unofficial history of MI5.

More fascinating lectures and events will be taking place as part of the festival.

For full listings and to book tickets for any of the events, visit www.folkestonebookfest.com or call the box office on 01303 858500.

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TRABEN-TRARBACH BIG BAND

Saturday, November 7
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YOUNG European musicians will be performing for an English audience in Gillingham this weekend.

As part of an exchange programme with students from Rochester Grammar School, youth bands from Germany are visiting Medway to give

give a concert. They hail from Traben-Trarbach, twin towns on the middle reaches of the Mosel River in Germany.

Among the group are a number of specialist bands which perform classical, swing, rock and pop music. After performing in their individual groups, all 50 musicians will come together at the end of the show to perform as the Traben-Trarbach Big Band.

Admission is free and it is hoped that as many people

as possible will go along to support these young musicians. By performing in front of a good-sized audience, the students will be able to gain valuable concert experience. Schools and youth groups are especially encouraged to go along.

A retiring collection will be taken and refreshments will be available.

The concert starts at 7.30pm. For information call Paul Warren on 01634 372508 or email mattsconcerts@hotmail.co.uk.

MAGIC OF MOTOWN

Sunday, November 8
Central Theatre, Chatham

REACH out and embrace the Magic of Motown with this celebration of the legendary record label.

It has been 50 years since Berry Gordy Jnr created the Tamla label which changed the face of the music industry.

The company that became Motown Records launched the careers of global superstars such as Stevie Wonder, the Temptations, Diana Ross and the Supremes, the Jackson Five, Lionel Richie, Marvin Gaye, Martha Reeves and many more.

Get ready to dance in the aisles when the talented cast of 15 performers belt out hits like Dancing in the Street, Stop in the Name of Love, Reach Out I'll Be There, What Becomes of the Broken Hearted and Tears of a



Clown, to name just a few.

Accompanied by the Magic of Motown Band, singers will perform five-part male harmonies and three-part female vocals in a fast-moving, spectacular show that

captures the unforgettable sound of Motown.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £19.50 or £18.50. Book at the box office on 01634 338338 or at www.thecentraltheatre.co.uk

BLUES BROTHERS XMAS PARTY

Wednesday, November 4 to
Saturday, November 7
Orchard Theatre, Dartford

NOBODY gets the party season started like the Blues Brothers, who bring their Xmas Party to Dartford this week.

For an early dose of festive cheer, grab your shades and pork pie hats and prepare to dance in the aisles during the premiere of this spectacular show.

Backed by the Magnificent Blues Band, Jake and Elwood are also joined by the Sensational Sisters of Soul – four sassy backing singers who will really make the show go with a swing.



The show is packed with classic rhythm and blues hits made famous by the 1980 cult film starring Dan Ackroyd and James Belushi. All the favourite songs are included from Soul Man, Mustang Sally and Everybody Needs Somebody To Love to a special Blues Brothers Christmas Medley.

A real feel-good musical, the Blues Brothers Xmas Party is the ideal way to banish the autumn blues and get into the festive spirit.

Tickets are priced from £16, concessions available. To book call the box office on 01322 220000 or visit the website at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.

MEDWAY LEISURE

Three for price of one at Comedy Club night

THREE top comedians visit the Comedy Club in Chatham on Friday.

MC Imran Yusuf is joined on the bill by Tony Hendricks, an award-winning Jamaican comedian. Headliner is Tony Gerrard.

The show, for over-18s, is at Bridgewood Manor at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £21.95 including a two-course meal and a disco until 1am. To book call 01634 201333 or email info@hahaheehee.com.

High-energy drama has no language barriers

EXPERIENCE a performance that crosses language barriers in Embrassemoi de Temps en Temps.

Laboratoire d'Exploration Théâtrale, a theatre group from Rouen, visits Medway Little Theatre in Rochester on Sunday. Jean-Luc Lagarce's play will be performed in French, but the energy of the performers brings the story to life. The play starts at 3pm and tickets cost £5. Call the box office on 01634 400322 or go online at www.mlt.org.uk.

Raise your voices at community project

ANYONE interested in singing is invited to take part in the community project Global Voices.

Three international vocal artists will lead the two-day workshops at the Brook Theatre in Chatham, on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22. There will be a small showcase on the second day. Anyone aged 12 and above is welcome to take part. Admission costs £25/£15. Book on 01634 338338.

Family firework display and barbecue at pub

FAMILIES can make their weekend go with a bang by heading down to the Waggon at Hale this weekend.

On Sunday the pub in Capstone Road, Chatham, is holding a family firework display from 7pm, with barbecue and hot drinks available. For more information call the pub on 01634 400624.

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BY SIMON ROBINSON

MUSICIANS take note – the county's biggest battle of the bands competition is about to commence.

The ultimate musical face-off will start with a pool of 48 up-and-coming Kent bands.

Round by round, the weak will fall by the wayside, with only the heaviest metallers and most electrifying electro outfits progressing to the latter rounds of the contest.

Pretty much your average battle of the bands competition, you may think.

But the prizes up for grabs set the Arena Live competition apart from your run-of-the-mill pub offering.

Arena spokesman Chris Pritchard said: "We are looking for the best and most dedicated bands, because the winner of this competition is going to win the most insane prize

The overall winning band will win tickets, flights and accommodation in Austin, Texas, USA, where they will attend the SXSW music conference in 2011

"This is the largest music industry event in the world, giving the competition winners the opportunity to meet and speak to the most important people in the industry worldwide."

The overall runner-up will also win tickets to either Glastonbury or Download music festivals that summer.

"Both of these bands will also support a major touring band at Kent's new touring venue.

"There will also be other cash prizes and special gifts for the finalists in the competition."

Quick re-cap then: Entrants to this competi-



Picture 10M BARNES

IN THE RUNNING: As *Worlds Collide*, above, and *Stone Thrower*, right, have both registered an interest in the *Arena Live* concert



Picture Britain in a

tion could walk away with a free holiday in Texas, festival tickets to one of the UK's leading music festivals, gigs or cash.

Well worth a shot, I'd say.


The competition will be split into two sections; indie, folk, pop and electronic on one side and rock, punk, metal and hardcore on the other.

To enter, just fire off a quick email to livebands@arenalive.co.uk with your band's info, appropriate internet links and a few paragraphs outlining how important you feel your band is to the Kent music scene.

The deadline for entries is Tuesday, December 1.

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LOVE is in the air at Quex House and Gardens in Birchington as the venue hosts a winter wedding fayre.

Couples can meet a variety of wedding suppliers and service providers at the event on Sunday, as well as seeing what the venue has to offer. Visitors can collect a £50 discount voucher for their wedding at Quex House and anyone who books on Sunday will receive a 10 per cent discount on 2010 prices. The event runs from 11am to 4pm and admission is free.

It's wartime Kent in Waterstone's this week

AUTHOR Val Rutt explores the human cost of a Kent wartime tragedy in her new book, *Out of the Blue*.

The fictional story was inspired by an event in June 1944 when a V1 flying bomb was shot down near Charing, killing more than 50 men.

Readers can meet the author at Waterstone's in Earl Street, Maidstone, from 11.30am to 2.30pm on Saturday. *Out of the Blue* is published by Piccadilly Press, priced at £6.99.

Spread some happiness in a shoebox this xmas

GIVE a little happiness this year by donating to the Operation Christmas Child appeal.

The scheme asks people to donate a shoebox filled with gifts which are then given to vulnerable children in numerous countries, from Azerbaijan to Ukraine. The final date for collections is November 18 and a contribution of £2.50 is requested to help cover costs.

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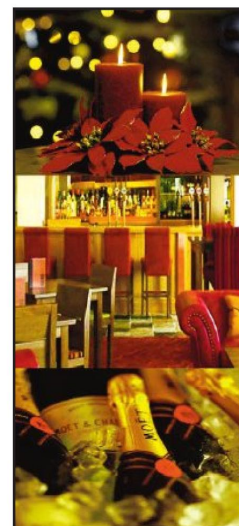
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UP (U)



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CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (12A)



Paul Weitz directs and co-writes this spooky fantasy based on the popular series of books by Darren Shan. Chris Massoglia stars as the A-student who joins the undead in order to save his friend's life.

Day out in the country to badger star Bill Murray

■ BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

THERE are certain events you prepare for in life but coming face to face with Bill Murray in a country pub isn't one of them.

"Hey, how you doing?" says the star of Ghostbusters, Groundhog Day and Lost In Translation.

He puts his beer down on the table and takes a chair as if it's the most normal thing in the world. I can only mutter something about feeling fine, gawp and wonder "Where on earth did you come from?"

Surely Mr Murray requires some sort of fanfare to mark his arrival, but he's as low-key as it comes.

The reason for the pub location is its appearance in Wes Anderson's new animated movie of the Roald Dahl classic, Fantastic Mr Fox.

Nestled on the outskirts of the chocolate-box village of Great Missenden, where Dahl lived and worked, The Nags Head Inn is surrounded by the landscape that inspired the children's author.

Having just finished an interview with Anderson, I'd presumed the day was over when Murray, who voices the character of Badger in the film, made his unexpected appearance. And it is unexpected. He is famously difficult to 'get' for a movie role, let alone pin-down for press time.

"I'm having a lovely day," he says in his familiar, monotone voice. "The English countryside is great. The town's a zoo. Anyone in their right mind would be out here in this pub where there's fresh air and a little bit more room to breathe."

Slightly dishevelled in a brown cord suit, he's looking every one of his 59 years but then



BADGET SET: Bill Murray voices the character of Badger

he's never been one to shy away from enjoying a late night and a tipple.

This is the fifth time Murray has worked with Wes Anderson – their movie union began back in 1998 when Murray took a gamble on Anderson in agreeing to star in Rushmore without having ever having met the director or viewed his work.

"I read the script and thought anyone who can write this knows exactly what they want to do," says Murray.

Anderson is known for taking a more odd-ball approach on his films and Fantastic Mr Fox is no different. Instead of CGI, he opted to use stop-motion, one of the oldest and most labour-intensive forms of special effects, which involves 24 frames of film per second of screen time.

Another departure from the norm saw the cast spend a few days on a farm in Connecticut recording the dialogue as 'live'. If there was a scene set in a field, they'd run around the field with the boom operator chasing after them and if there was a digging scene, they'd get

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down on their hands and knees.

"We really did have a chunky good time for the amount of work we did on this movie," Murray says.

As for working with George Clooney, who plays the wily, anti-hero Mr Fox, he says. "He really can talk, but George is a real force, you know? He's probably the one person who's living the movie star life really, really well and doing great at it."

Back to the present day and as the sun sets, I ask Murray what he thinks the message of Fantastic Mr Fox is. "Be free," he says. "I think everything in the film says be free, be present, right now... this moment." And what does that mean for Murray? "I'm going to the bar right over here."

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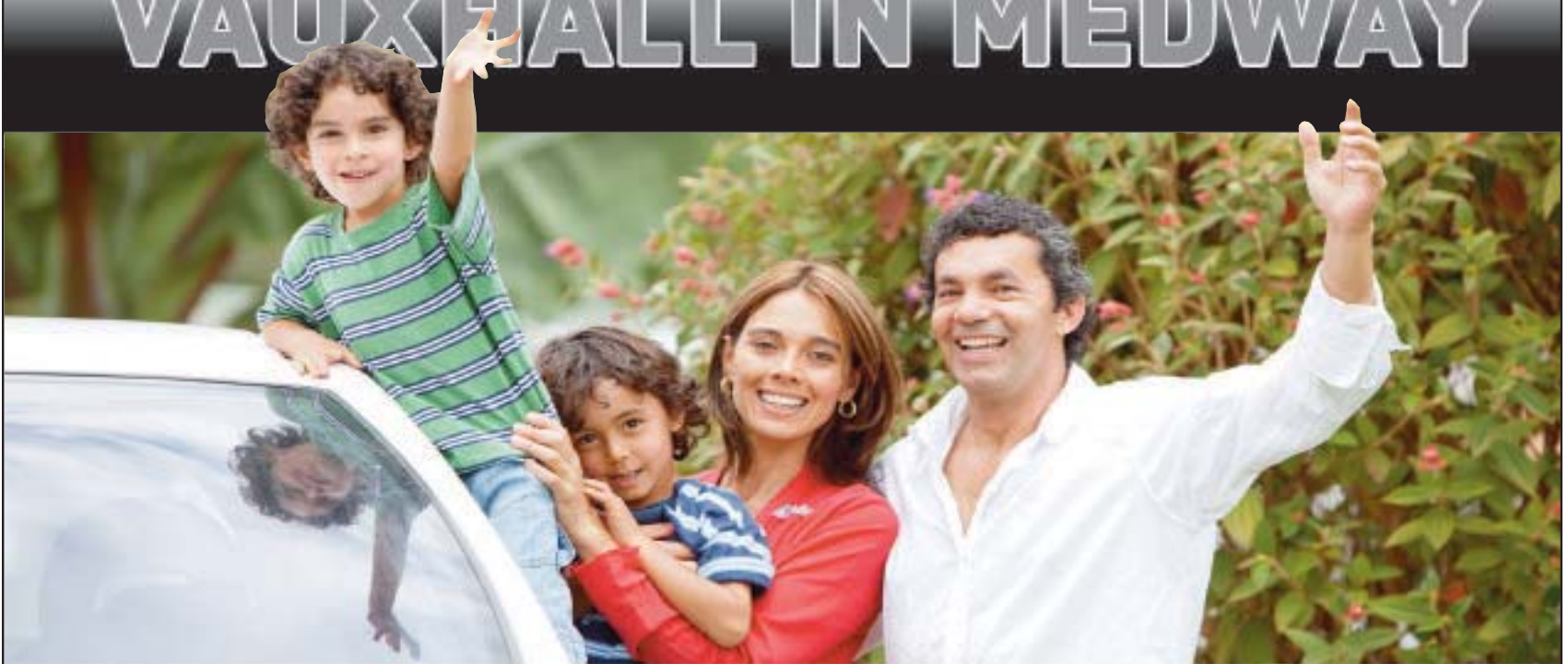
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So good you won't want to leave

■ BY MATT DICKINSON

NESTLED in a beautiful valley in the French Alps and overlooked by majestic Mont Blanc, Chamonix is a wonderful place to go for a refreshing break almost all year round.

About 10,000 people are reckoned to live in the town – about 1,000 of them Britons, including many who couldn't face the idea of going home.

I can see their point. Chamonix has activities for every age and ability, superb food and shopping, and as much stunning scenery as your eyeballs can handle.

The weather is generally great, with the possible exception of November, when the local rains are famous.

The problem is that the living costs are about 20 per cent dearer than a year ago.

If you're able to save enough money to get away, why bother risking the haemorrhaging of cash on the Continent when you can try to do something cheaper closer to home?

I went to Scotland for a five-day walking break earlier this year and blew the thick end of £500 on travel, accommodation, food and drink. Two days were pretty much washed out by the weather, too.

On the other hand, I have just been to Chamonix for four action-packed days, and was delighted to find it compared pretty well on the finance front. The town also smashed out of the park just about anything we have to offer in terms of climate, food, scenery... you name it.

In winter, the valley's steep slopes and high altitude make it a mecca for experienced



PLAYGROUND: Paragliding is just one of the activities offered on the stunning summer slopes of Chamonix

skiers and snowboarders, but in summer Chamonix is a huge outdoor playground.

Return flights to Geneva should cost about £100 per person. I would also recommend booking return transfer to Chamonix with one of the town's many door-to-door lift services for about 50 euros (£45). Public transport will cost roughly the same in price and more in hassle.

There is a huge range of accommodation in the town, some of it exceptionally good value. Double rooms in a two-star hotel can be found for as little as 46 euros (£40) per night per room, with even cheaper one-star options.

Expect to pay a bit extra for breakfast, but given some of the hotels I saw, these prices still present great value for money.

With travel and accommodation out the way for, say, £260 per person, you can turn your attention to what Chamonix has to offer.

The town is at an altitude of 1,000 metres in a beautiful, wooded valley, with magnificent mountains to the north and south.

The Chamonix valley and its mountains offer some 350km of marked footpaths.

You could slog up from the valley floor to one of the mountain restaurants, or take it easier by ambling east through the town along the l'Arve river path through some of Chamonix's neighbouring villages.

Around a dozen different cable cars, gondola lifts and even train rides also service different peaks and other spots in the valley.

The train ride from Chamonix up to Montenvers and the Mer de Glace glacier is well worth a try. Another great way of seeing the sights is by mountain bike. There are dozens of hire locations, and you can use the same network of footpaths as hikers.

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Language	French
Population	About 65 million
Currency	Euro
Religion	Catholic

History

Matthew Dickinson was a guest of Chamonix Tourist Board and flew with Easyjet, which offers returns into Geneva from and London (Gatwick, Luton and Stansted) from £60 return.

Private airport transfers from Mountain Drop-offs start at 25 euros. Reservations: 0033 450 471 773 and www.mountaindropoffs.com.

Chamonix Tourist Board enquiries: 00 33 450 530 024 and www.chamonix.com.

Flexiski.com short breaks in Chamonix for skiers this winter starts at £530, including return flights, private transfers, three nights' B&B in Hotel Alpina. 020 8939 0864, www.flexiski.com.

Chamonix also has a tennis club, swimming pool and a beautiful 18-hole golf course.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

STRICTLY COME DANCING BBC1, 6.25pm, Saturday

LAST year I wrote that I was looking forward to the 2008 series of Strictly Come Dancing.

I don't dance, and have no interest in it at all, but I thought it all seemed quite a refreshing change from The X Factor and had really come into its own.

For a while it was all quite good fun, but after a couple of shows my interest waned.

As soon as the John Sergeant affair kicked off, it became clear that it was starting to take itself way too seriously and that the BBC was deliberately whipping up stories to keep it in the spotlight.

Now I hate the show. It's an overblown monster that has got out of control.

Like The X Factor, there seems to be no escape.

I think even the indigenous tribes of the Amazon who don't have access to television have an opinion on who should be kicked out each week.

The papers are full of Alesha Dixon's bad judging, Phil Tufnell's injury, or Joe Calzaghe's apparent rendezvous with his dance partner.

In fact, I wished I'd never started writing this – it is only fanning the flames of publicity that little bit more.

I stayed in on Saturday night and flicked between the two prime-time shows, mainly as I'd had an eye operation and watching a film with one peeper under a huge bandage seemed like far too much effort.

What struck me about both shows, and particularly Strictly, is just how long they both are.

It went on for hours and hours and hours. I thought at one point it would be going on until this Saturday's show.



NO ESCAPE: Bruce Forsyth with Strictly Come Dancing co-presenter Tess Daly

If they stretch it out any longer, Bruce Forsyth could well die live on air.

I appreciate that it pulls in a lot of viewers, but the need to endlessly debate every last aspect of proceedings and ruminate over every tiny little thing is tedious beyond belief.

And if that wasn't enough, you get in from work and the spin-off, Strictly Come Dancing: It Takes Two, is on every week-night, with that annoying Winkleman woman.

Meanwhile, over on The One Show, they make sure they plug it at every available opportunity.

While this is the show on which the BBC is clearly pinning its hopes, it must be horrified that it's getting truly walloped in the ratings by The X Factor.

I, for one, couldn't be happier.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
RELATIVES have placed an unfair share of the duties on your shoulders, probably because you're the most stable one. That doesn't mean you should be treated like a dumping ground for everyone's problems. Be ready to step away from certain tasks, even if temporary disaster follows.

- To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
RECENTLY, you've been investing so much energy in others, you feel empty. Find healthy ways to fill that void. Resist the urge to binge on rich foods and intoxicating drink. It's fine to treat yourself in moderation, but right now, your internal compass could be a little off.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
SO many people are looking to you for support, it's getting oppressive. By teaching your nearest and dearest to become more self-sufficient, the whole group will benefit. Don't be swayed by childish tantrums. Turn to a sympathetic friend if the pressure gets too great.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
IT'S time to reclaim authority over your own life. Pay special attention to any joint financial accounts. By taking a more active role in this arrangement, you'll become an equal partner. Fond memories of days gone by could come flooding back. Give an old pal a call.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
IT feels as though you're being held hostage by your emotions. If you want to change your behaviour get to work now. Writing down what you feel will help you assess your emotional triggers. Your relationship with a youngster or lover will improve as a result. Trust your instincts.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 21)
CONTRARY to what you might think, you have the power to turn your life around. Add to your qualifications or take a trip. Studying a foreign culture or visiting a poor country will make you realise how fortunate you are. A medical consultation provides relief.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
YOU'VE been so focused on minor matters you've forgotten there's a wider world out there. Getting involved in a charitable effort will make you feel more grateful and give you a greater sense of control. If you feel your lifestyle has fallen into a rut you need to make a change.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
YOU'RE dissatisfied with the results of a health regimen, and feel ready to give up. Stick with it just a little longer; try varying your routine. Exercising outside will feed your inner spirit. Great news from a religious, cultural, or educational institution could reach you.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
PUTTING your needs first could upset the apple cart, but that's a price you're happy to pay. Taking a vacation by yourself, buying a luxury item, and delegating tasks are all part of the program. A friend will back you. Lean on them when everybody else complains.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
A SUPPORT group will help you come to terms with demons. You are not suffering alone. At first, it will seem as though you don't have anything in common with these people, then you'll realise you share the same struggle. An intimate relationship will improve as a result.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
A DRAMATIC transformation is taking place, causing unrest in your personal life. It may be necessary to divide assets with a former business or romantic partner. Fortunately, your negotiation skills are at an all time high. Whatever the situation, you need to treat yourself gently.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
MAKE more time for your favourite activities. For the past few weeks, you've devoted all of your time to a group effort. And while it's been fulfilling, it has drained you. Cooking, reading, and decorating can restore your sense of fun. A child may be eager to help.

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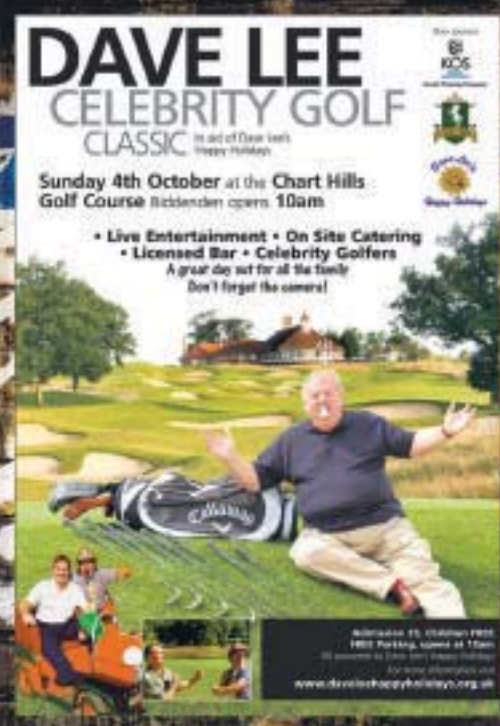
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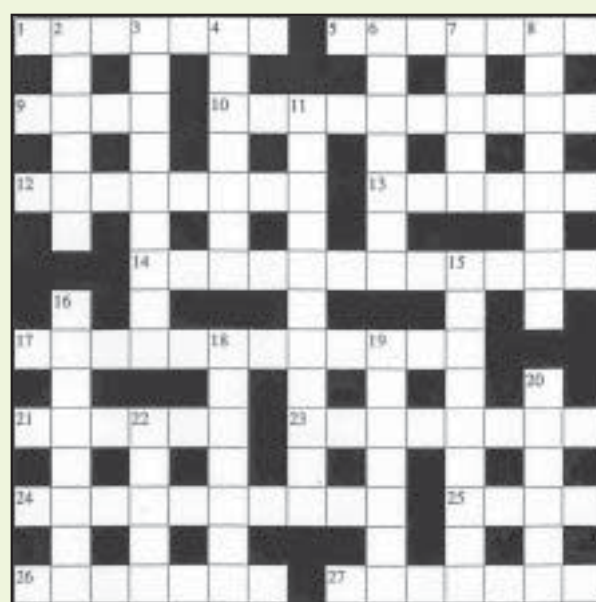
ACROSS

- 1 Offhand putting bottle-opener by said baby's biscuit (7)
- 5 Instrumentalist had fish first (7)
- 9 No end of obstruction for alliance (4)
- 10 Early morning air? (4,6)
- 12 Redrawing triangle belonging as part of the whole (8)
- 13 Performing with zest outside making bells (6)
- 14 Fighter reports motor broken-down (5-7)
- 17 Four pintable eccentrics discover it is unrewarding (12)
- 21 Suitable sort of noun (6)
- 23 Lofty John to take something the wrong way in transit (8)
- 24 From chair of office of old large church for the most part (2,8)
- 25 It's yellow in the middle when white's on the outside (4)
- 26 Dramatic picturesque views? (7)
- 27 Extremely short rude arrangement on green foliage (7)

DOWN

- 2 Scoundrel entered part that will become less intense (6)
- 3 Descendant hit gold (9)
- 4 How tube-train travellers suffer? (7)
- 6 A learner took vehicle round each end of Spanish fortress (7)
- 7 Contempt shown when one cuts corners inside (5)
- 8 Blue waste (8)
- 11 Like two similar springs? (4-7)
- 15 Ring pastor brought up, Joy and Edward were delighted (9)
- 16 An ox Eric removed refusing all food (8)
- 18 Parent said to be more distant (7)
- 19 Army equipment that has been packed for the journey (7)
- 20 Visual part of the jocularity (6)
- 22 Seafood not cooked in pan one left (5)

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ACROSS

- 1 Stunned (2,1,4)
- 5 Graze (7)
- 9 Slight quarrel (4)
- 10 Envy (10)
- 12 Ascorbic acid (7,1)
- 13 Lingerie (6)
- 14 Renewal of lost parts (12)
- 17 Not able to be disentangled (12)
- 21 Patched up (6)
- 23 Antipathy (8)
- 24 Whatever may be involved (2,3,5)
- 25 Impolite (4)
- 26 Witch-hazel (4-3)
- 27 Rain-god (anag.) (7)

DOWN

- 2 Serviette (6)
- 3 Method of printing (3,6)
- 4 Adjusting to nought (7)
- 6 Be victorious (7)
- 7 Media (anag.) (5)
- 8 ___-belt (8)
- 11 Shoddy (6-5)
- 15 Financial officer (9)
- 16 Unfairly (8)
- 18 Basic (7)
- 19 Consecrated (7)
- 20 Tomboy (6)
- 22 Deep valley (5)

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10 Verily 11 Busy Lizzie 14 Augustly 15
Yanked 16 Agarie 18 Mediator 20 Free tick-
et 23 Handel 24 Whitecap 25 Stay 26 Day-
tripper. **DOWN:** 2 Peat 3 Arum 4 Halibut 5
Odyssey 6 Novelty 7 Horizontal 8 All-time
low 12 Juggernaut 13 Quarter-day 17
Chilled 18 Make way 19 Dotted 21 Keep 22
Sake.

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ACROSS: 1 In a daze 5 Scratch 9 Spot 10
Resentment 12 Vitamin C 13 Undies 14
Rejuvenation 17 Inextricable 21 Fudged 23
Aversion 24 At all costs 25 Rule 26 Wych-
elm 27 Adoring. **DOWN:** 2 Napkin 3 Dot
matrix 4 Zeringo 6 Conquer 7 Aimed 8
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PROPERTY NEWS

Estate agents up the Barr into auctioneering

KENT estate agent Miles and Barr have joined forces with Britain's largest chain of property auctioneers.

Auction House UK was founded only two years ago but has already extended its coverage to almost half of the country, with a total of 22 franchises.

Miles and Barr have a long history in Kent and currently have six offices based in Ramsgate, Folkestone, Whitstable and Herne Bay. They will now operate as Auction House East Kent.

Miles and Barr proprietor, Stuart Barr, said: "Auctions are not something we've been able to offer to our clients before. So with the market in the perfect state, we needed to be sure that we teamed up with the right company. After speaking to several contenders, only Auction House displayed the qualities, experience and professionalism we were looking for."

Alliance

The alliance now makes Auction House UK, Britain's largest national chain of property auctioneers. From starting life from a single office, the company has managed to extend its coverage across almost half of the country. Its network includes 18 auction rooms nationwide holding up to 70 auctions a year.

Auction house founding director Roger Lake said: "We are delighted to welcome Miles & Barr on board. They are already an established and highly successful firm of estate agents. Now Auction House will be able to help them enter the world of residential property auctions with all the training, marketing and support they could possibly want."

He added: "Our two latest signings demonstrate the wide appeal of the Auction House brand. Whether companies are already established auctioneers or entering the field for the first time, we can provide the experience and marketing muscle that only a national network can offer."

Mortgage approvals are on the increase

THE British Bankers' Association has reported a 76.8 per cent increase in the number of mortgages approved for house purchase by the major banks in September, compared to the same month last year.

Approvals were also up on the month after 42,100 mortgages were approved for house purchase in September, compared with 40,100 in August.

According to the BBA, mortgage approvals have been "rising steadily" for the last eight months and the number of new loans for house purchase was back to the level experienced at the end of 2007.

BBA's statistics director, David Dooks, said: "Mortgage lending by the High Street banks is continuing to improve from the lows seen earlier this year and the number of house purchase approvals continues to recover."

"Housing market activity will depend, however, on more properties coming on to the market."

Is part ex the way to a new Christmas home?



YOUR DREAM HOME: Get part-exchange or shared equity on a new home at developments across Kent which is aim to help first-time buyers and existing owners to move

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

HOME BUYERS who think they have left it too late to move into their dream home for Christmas can take a look at Ward Homes' developments.

There are houses currently available, which will be complete in time for the festive season, in Eden Village in Sittingbourne, The Woodlands in Boughton Monchelsea, Priory Meadows on the Isle of Sheppey and Pavilion Place in Snodland.

Ward Homes also offers part exchange to existing homeowners and shared equity products which helps first time buyers onto the housing ladder at a substantially discounted up-front cost, available on a range of properties at selected developments.

"With Christmas fast approaching people perhaps think there isn't enough time to move into a new home, but I'd like to assure them that the process can be done in just four to six weeks," said Nick Fenton, managing director of Ward Homes.

"By reserving now they could be settled in for the holiday period. As our homes all come complete with energy-efficient heating and high standards of insulation, they can look forward to a cosy Christmas and New Year."

He added: "We'll consider part-exchange, which removes all the uncertainty for move-up buyers."

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Sales are up despite doom-mongers

BUILDING company Hillreed Homes has produced figures which show an increased turnover of 60.3 per cent based on their July sales figures compared to July 2008.

Even in the usually quieter month of August, the company showed an increase of 35.98 per cent in sales turnover.

"These are remarkable figures and show that despite the doom-mongers, there are still a lot of people who want to move and who, frankly, have the wherewithal to do so," says Dean Markall, sales and marketing director.

"Each year we build on average 150 units, and though prices were reduced for the first four or five months of the year, the actual sales turnover figures are up by a remarkable percentage."

"This shows that properties priced sensibly, in fine locations and built to a design and style that people want to live in, still sell."

"We market a wide variety of properties from one and two bedroom apartments to

detached homes of £800,000 and more, so our figures cover the whole spectrum of the new-build market place."

"For instance a small development of executive style properties near Sevenoaks sold within a few months of marketing at the beginning of 2009 yet all were more than £500,000."

"For those sceptical about the private housing market, these figures show that at ground level the market is most definitely improving."

"At the latter part of 2008 and the beginning of 2009 we were offering a variety of incentives to help buyers secure the home of their dreams. However, in recent months we have found buyers coming to us in a position to proceed."

"Without a doubt, properties are at a very good price level for purchasers to invest and we have found this is increasing the number of visitors to our show homes and as a result, a far higher level of sales turnover than in the same months last year."

fees or last-minute price haggling.

"We also have some innovative offers for first-time buyers. Some of our shared equity offers enable you to move into a new home for just 70 per cent of the purchase price, sometimes with no deposit necessary."

Homes available to move into before Christmas at Eden Village, Sittingbourne include two, three and four-bedroom homes with prices starting from £148,950.

Properties are also available at The Woodlands, Boughton Monchelsea include three-bedroom houses with prices starting from £199,995.

Other homes on sale at Priory Meadows on the Isle of Sheppey include three and four-bedroom homes with prices starting from £181,995 and Pavilion Place, Snodland which includes three and four-bedroom houses with prices starting from £204,995.



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MOTORS NEWS



Nissan adds up to a good deal from 4x4 and 3+3+3

NISSAN has launched an innovative new interactive website, www.which4x4areyou.co.uk, to help customers choose between an X-Trail (pictured), Pathfinder or Navara and watch videos pitching them against rivals.

Kent dealers are also extending the brand's 3+3+3 package on its 4x4s until the end of December: three years' 6.9 per cent APR Preferences finance, three years' free servicing and three years' RAC cover.

Brian Smith of Baileys Canterbury said he was delighted to extend 3+3+3 at a time "when customers are worried about the difficult climate."



Suzuki believes it can beat the rise in VAT

EXPECT to see more schemes like that from Suzuki, allowing customers to beat the proposed return to the 17.5 per cent VAT rate.

The Japanese marque is allowing customers the option to buy now and defer the first payment for three months, thereby saving 2.5 per cent.

This is on top of other deals such as the Driveplan PCP, available from as little as £131/month, on the little Swift supermini (pictured), or zero per cent finance on selected models until the end of the year.



Kia customer lucky pick for a free service

KIA customer Dorothea Lima is the latest to benefit from a car service competition by Maidstone Kia.

The dealership held its third Auto Plus draw this year and had 174 entries. Miss Lima, also of Maidstone, won and was reimbursed the cost of her latest car service, £164.

Maidstone Kia service manager Norman Underdown (pictured with Miss Lima) said: "Winning back the cost of your car service is an unexpected luxury and we are glad that we can grant this for the lucky winners."



COOLEST OF COUPES: The latest Renault Mégane Coupé's sweeping roofline and sharply upswept tail makes this a three-door that lives up to the coupé label

Buy the Mégane's style statement on the cheap

ROAD TEST RENAULT MEGANE COUPE

BY STEVE LOADER

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Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
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and airy, helped on the mid-range 2.0 TCE 180 Dynamique model (£19,535) test car by an optional £1,250 glass roof packaged with Bluetooth connectivity and that 'premium' sound system mentioned earlier.

The back is roomy, but those high and wickedly raked rear windows make it nigh on impossible for kids to see out of. The boot is generous though, despite the sharply raked tailgate.

While the Mégane measures up visually to the coupé image though, it can fall short on the open road, especially when you have the test car's turbocharged 2.0-litre petrol engine to play with.

This free-revving 178bhp unit begs you to use its power, but the six-speed shift really ought to be more precise for a car pitched as a sporting machine.

And the chassis compromises handling for comfort, but pleases neither, feeling vague on the corners and restless on poor surfaces – I suspect Renault saved money by re-clothing the previous Mégane rather than going for an all-new effort.

Still, I'm drawn to the car's two big plus points: a gorgeous engine and possible the coolest coupé body of the moment. My advice is go for the junior models and get your street cred on the cheap.

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1 Series, 118d M SPORT, hp06xtd, only 33008 miles, manufacturers service history, upgraded alloys, cd player, aerosport spoilers, dynamic stability control, runflat tyres, abs, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, alarm, anti dazle rear screen, anti skid control + traction, bmw business stereo, clear lenses, climate control, cruise control, drivers central armrest, electric windows, electric wing mirrors, front fog-lights, full child safety window lock, full motor-sports bodykit, fully colour coded, high level rear brake light, immobiliser, motorsport front & rear spoilers, black, £12990, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

1 Series, 118d SE, fe56ub, only 19124 miles, manufacturers service history, titan trims, upgraded alloys, cd player, aerosport spoilers, dynamic stability control, runflat tyres, abs, electric windows, electric wing mirrors, front fog-lights, full child safety window lock, fully colour coded, high level rear brake light, immobiliser, multi airbag system, multi function steering wheel, on board compute , black, £12997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

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1 Series, 116i ES, tw5684, only 18410 miles, manufacturers service history, upgraded alloys, cd player, aerosport spoilers, dynamic stability control, abs, adjustable steering column, anti skid control + traction, bmw business stereo, clear lenses, electric windows, full child safety window lock, fully colour coded, high level rear brake light, multi airbag system, pas, rear headrests, remote key central locking, sports suspension, third point seat belt, beat this price, titanium silver, £9997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

1 Series, 118i SE CONV, gp08gx, only 6716 miles, manufacturers pdi, hlat black leather, upgraded alloys, cd player, aerosport spoilers, dynamic stability control, runflat tyres, abs, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, alarm, anti dazle rear screen, anti skid control + traction, bmw business stereo, clear lenses, climate control, electric windows, electric wing mirrors, front fog-lights, full child safety window lock, fully colour coded, high level rear brake light, multi airbag system, on board computer, pas, power roof, rear headrests, remote key central locking, third point seat belt, beat this price*, black, £19997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

1 Series, 120d M SPORT, se06awh, only 68790 miles, manufacturers service history, upgraded alloys, cd player, aerosport spoilers, dynamic stability control, abs, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, alarm, anti dazle rear screen, anti skid control + traction, bmw business stereo, clear lenses, climate control, cruise control, drivers central armrest, electric windows, electric wing mirrors, front fog-lights, full child safety window lock, full motor-sports bodykit, fully colour coded, high level rear brake light, immobiliser, multi airbag system, pas, rear headrests, remote key central locking, third point seat belt, beat this price, fantastic price, comes complete with a comprehensive parts + labour warranty big enough to cope, small enough to care*, black, £12997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

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BERLINGO, 1.6HDI Refrigerated Chiller / Freezer, aa5aaa, cd player, power steering, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, brand new, delivery mileage, grp lined, hubbard fridge standby available if required (optional extra), over 50 fridge vans in stock, BHRV.co.uk, white, 15 miles, £5955, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, Jiffy Hot & Cold Catering Truck, hn42zv, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, power steering, air bag, electric windows, electric mirrors, radio cassette, refrigerated display, heated display, hand wash facilities, white, 0 miles, £8995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, Jiffy Hot & Cold Catering Truck, w173kn, large fridge, large oven, hot & cold water, ambient section, white, 77000 miles, £6995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, LX 800 HDI Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, kp56tww, side load door, cd player, air bag, abs, power steering, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, grp lined, hubbard fridge, electric standby available if required (optional extra), white, 18000 miles, £7495, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 1.6HDI Refrigerated navigation, power steering, remote central locking, immobiliser, electric mirrors, electric windows, abs, air bag, bluetooth, cd player, brand new, immediate delivery, grp lined, gah equipment, electric standby available if required, over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 1 miles, £10995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 1.9D Refrigerated Chiller, 3204180, grp lined, hubbard fridge, over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 17000 miles, £5695, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

Berlingo, LX 600 Refrigerated Chiller, pj51zrv, grp lined, davia 'discreet fridge', p/x to clear. mot & tax. over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 0 miles, £2195, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

C2, Airplay Plus 3dr, gl57evr, abs, air bag, immobiliser, central locking, air conditioning, stereo, electric front windows, trip computer, electric mirrors, automatic electric windows, radio, mp3 player, head restraints, cloth upholstery, ipod connectivity, isofix, air conditioning, full size spare wheel, rear wiper, rev counter, height/reach adjust steering wheel, height adjustable front seatbelts, locking fuel filler cap, service interval indicator, digital clock, pollen filter, automatic activation of hazard warning lights, twin rear fog/reversing lights, steering wheel mounted audio controls, pas variable, 4 three point inertia reel seatbelts, audio door+tailgate locking (when car in motion), storage compartment in tailgate, pack lock c2, split opening tailgate, air recirculation system, 14" steel wheels, front door pockets, high level third brake light, rear storage pockets, front seatbelt pretensioners with force limiters, deadlocks, tinted windows, audible speed warning programmable, £5995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

C2, Design 1124cc 3 door, 2005, cd player central locking driver's airbag power steering history check electric windows, blue, 30450 miles, £4495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

C3, SX, yr55hkt, immobiliser, central locking, power steering, electric front windows, air conditioning, abs, cd player, electric mirrors, radio, red, 14000 miles, £5495, Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

C3, Exclusive, cy08abv, abs, air bag, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, air conditioning, stereo, electric front windows, trip computer, front fog lamps, automatic electric windows, radio, mp3 player, child locks, head restraints, isofix, alloy wheels, full size spare wheel, passenger seat height adjuster, upper glovebox, auto door lock when driving, driver/passenger armrests, audible speed warning programmable , 5 three point inertia seatbelts, rear fog and reversing lamps, multi function display, variable pas, black panel night illumination, drivers one touch window with anti-pinch feature, split folding rear seat, aluminium effect interior door handles, automatic boot locking, digital dashboard display, coolant level warning indicator, tilt/height adjustable steering wheel, energy absorbing side impact protection, door pockets on all four doors, aluminium effect front doors, blue, 8000 miles, £9995, Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

C3, 1.1i Cool 5dr Hatch Special Edition, g57vsa, pas, abs, air conditioning, remote central locking, power steering, air bag, abs, electric windows, electric mirrors, cd player, adjustment, service indicator, full size spare wheel, height adjustable drivers seat, steel wheels, front head restraints, auto remote control, 3x3 point rear seat belts, body coloured bumpers, rear wiper, cloth seat trim, immobiliser, grey, 10603 miles, £6444, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

C3, L 5dr, ly06 ah, power steering, abs, cd player, radio, twin air bags, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, blue, 33440 miles, £4995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

C3 Picasso, gk09wfn, metallic paint, abs, air conditioning, front electric windows, front fog lights, alloy wheels, cruise control, electricdoor mirrors, drivers airbag, central locking, front head restraints, 3x3 point rear seat belts, immobiliser, isofix child seat anchor points, cloth seat trim, folding rear seats, blue, 1900 miles, £11495, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

C4, 1.6i 16V SX 5dr Hatch, g56hgy, pas, abs, air conditioning, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, alloy wheels, radio/cd, trip computer, cruise control, side airbags, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel rake adjustment, drivers airbag, 3x3 point rear seat belts, full size spare wheel, red, 20378 miles, £5995, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

C4 Grand Picasso, wk08yrl, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, radio/cd, trip computer, cruise control, side airbags, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel rake adjustment, drivers airbag, height adjustable drivers seat, rear headrests, traction control, front armrest, folding rear seats, 3x3 point rear seat belts, roof rails, immobiliser, service indicator, cloth seat trim, isofix child seat anchor points, front head restraints, audio remote control, silver, 22539 miles, £13995, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

C5, 1.6 HDi 16V VTR+ 4dr Diesel Saloon, 704385256, pas, abs, air conditioning, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, alarm, trip computer, cruise control, side airbags, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, height adjustable drivers seat, rear headrests, folding rear seats, 3x3 point rear seat belts, roof rails, immobiliser, service indicator, cloth seat trim, isofix child seat anchor points, front head restraints, audio remote control, silver, 22539 miles, £13995, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

C5, 1.6 HDi 16V VTR+ 4dr Diesel Saloon, 704385256, pas, abs, air conditioning, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, alarm, trip computer, cruise control, side airbags, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, height adjustable drivers seat, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, reverse parking aid, height adjustable drivers seat, front armrest, 3x3 point rear seat belts, rear armrest, service indicator, folding rear seats, isofix child seat anchor points, blue, 12163 miles, £12995, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

C5, 2.0i 16V VTR+ 5dr Auto tourer, gq09fz, pas, abs, air conditioning, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, alloy wheels, alarm, radio/cd, trip computer, cruise control, side airbags, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, height adjustable drivers seat, audio remote control 12 miles, £16995, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

C6, 2.7 HDi V6 Lignage 4dr Auto Diesel Saloon, 704383256, pas, abs, air conditioning, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, alloy wheels, alarm, trip computer, cruise control, side airbags, electricdoor mirrors, electrically adjustable drivers seat, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, reverse parking aid, height adjustable drivers seat, front armrest, 3x3 point rear seat belts, rear armrest, body coloured bumpers, isofix child seat anchor points, front head restraints, immobiliser, folding rear seats, headlight washers, service indicator, rear headrests, silver, 11000 miles, £14995, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

DISPATCH, 2.0HDI Refrigerated Chiller With Standby, ly03ft, twin sliding doors, dual passenger seat, radio cassette, power steering, immobiliser, gah fridge, electric standby, grp lined, over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 3700 miles, £5995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

DISPATCH, 2.0HDI JIFFY TRUCK HOT & COLD SNACK, fe56okj, dual passenger seat, cd player, air bag, abs, remote central locking, power steering, jiffy salsa hot & cold catering van, large double fridge compartment, large oven, hand wash, over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 25000 miles, £14995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

DISPATCH, 815 Enterprise Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, 343180, twin sliding doors, dual passenger seat, cd player, power steering, multi-function steering wheel, remote central locking, standby available if required, over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 35000 miles, £7995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

RELAY, 35 2.2hdi L3H3 Refrigerated Chiller, lg59vpd, satellite navigation, remote central locking, power steering, air bag, abs, electric windows, electric mirrors, cd player, bluetooth, high roof, dual passenger seat, low floor, immediate delivery! grp lined, hubbard equipment, electric standby available if required, choice of specifications frozen, chilled, split compartments, see our special offers page for amazing deals! over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 1 miles, £17595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

RELAY, 2.0HDI Refrigerated Chiller, ly02jlx, side load door, dual passenger seat, cd player, electric mirrors, electric windows, central locking, power steering, grp lined, thermo king equipment, mot & tax, p/x to clear, over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, red, 0 miles, £2595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

RELAY, 33 L2 H2, 3549182, remote central locking, ply-lined, side load door, barn doors, dual passenger seat, adjustable steering column, satellite navigation, power steering, abs, air bag, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, white, 33000 miles, £8000, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

RELAY, 30 L2 H1, bt57adu, remote central locking, adjustable steering column, satellite navigation, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, electric mirrors, electric windows, abs, air bag, cloth upholstery, cd player, side load door, barn doors, dual passenger seat, white, 23000 miles, £8000, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

RELAY, 2.2 HDi H1 Van 100ps 30 L1 Diesel, gd08knk, pas, abs, front electric windows, radio/cd, trip computer, passenger airbag, electricdoor mirrors, drivers airbag, central locking, cloth seat trim, audio remote control, front head restraints, white, 100 miles, £10995, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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500, 1.2 Sport 3dr Hatch, gi08fnd, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, radio/cd, side airbags, electricdoor mirrors, drivers airbag, space saver spare wheel, alloy coloured bumpers, drivers seat, cloth seat trim, isofix child seat anchor points, punk grey, 21000 miles, £8995, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

500, 1.2i 16V VTR+ 5dr Auto tourer, gq09fz, pas, abs, air conditioning, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, alloy wheels, alarm, radio/cd, trip computer, cruise control, side airbags, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, height adjustable drivers seat, audio remote control 12 miles, £16995, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

500, 2.7 HDi V6 Lignage 4dr Auto Diesel Saloon, 704383256, pas, abs, air conditioning, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, alloy wheels, alarm, trip computer, cruise control, side airbags, electricdoor mirrors, electrically adjustable drivers seat, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, reverse parking aid, height adjustable drivers seat, front armrest, 3x3 point rear seat belts, rear armrest, body coloured bumpers, isofix child seat anchor points, front head restraints, immobiliser, folding rear seats, headlight washers, service indicator, rear headrests, silver, 11000 miles, £14995, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

DISPATCH, 2.0HDI Refrigerated Chiller With Standby, ly03ft, twin sliding doors, dual passenger seat, radio cassette, power steering, immobiliser, gah fridge, electric standby, grp lined, over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 3700 miles, £5995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

DISPATCH, 2.0HDI JIFFY TRUCK HOT & COLD SNACK, fe56okj, dual passenger seat, cd player, air bag, abs, remote central locking, power steering, jiffy salsa hot & cold catering van, large double fridge compartment, large oven, hand wash, over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 25000 miles, £14995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

DISPATCH, 815 Enterprise Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, 343180, twin sliding doors, dual passenger seat, cd player, power steering, multi-function steering wheel, remote central locking, standby available if required, over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 35000 miles, £7995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

DUCATO, 35 Lwb 120 Multijet Refrigerated Chiller, wp56ofg, side load door, dual passenger seat, cd player, air bag, abs, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, grp lined, hubbard fridge, electric standby available if required, over fifty fridge vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 20000 miles, £11995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

GRANDE Punto, ro09pyt, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, radio/cd, trip computer, electricdoor mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, front head restraints, folding rear seats, service indicator, full size spare wheel, immobiliser, steel wheels, rear armrest, 3x3 point rear seat belts, rear wiper, body coloured bumpers, height adjustable drivers seat, cloth seat trim, white, 5 miles, £8495, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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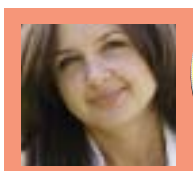
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MY EVERYTHING Ashford based, bubbly and fun single mum, 23yr old, curvy build, brunette, I like reading and socialising, WLTm like minded male. Box 454772 **Q**

MATCH OF THE DAY! Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494 **Q**

NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT... Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 **Q**

IS ANYONE OUT THERE? 31yr old easygoing, independent female, WLTm cuddly fella to enjoy the finer things in life with, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 879531 **Q**

GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE Loving lady female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 **Q**

A FAIRYTALE ENDING! Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 **Q**

HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 **Q**

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453030 **Q**

SEALED WITH A KISS Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 **Q**

STARRY NIGHTS Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378

WHAT YOU SEE... Young looking 36 year old, 5ft4, brown eyes, slim, one daughter, hard working, very sincere and caring, genuine, GSOH, seeks similar male 33-43. Rochester. Box 460307 **Q**

HISTORIC MEETING? Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440893 **Q**

GALLOP AHEAD! Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding, and WLTm honest, reliable man. Box 451311 **Q**

SOMETHING LASTING Professional single mum, 37, own home, looking for a man for friendship, hopefully a permanent relationship. Halesham. Box 452221 **Q**

MEND A BROKEN HEART Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053 **Q**

SEIZE THE DAY Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **Q**

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **Q**

CUTE AS CAN BE Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 879783 **Q**

JUST ONE QUESTION...

A warm, generous, attractive and caring lady, 40, seeks soulmate who will love, respect and cherish her. What's taking you so long? Box 873458 **Q**

YOU CAN'T RESIST... Fun loving intelligent lady, 39, blonde, attractive, GSOH, lots of energy, one daughter, now looking for that special man to share life with. Tonbridge. Box 459991 **Q**

A SOUL MATE Black Christian girl, 39, likes country music, loving, considerate, kind and caring, looking for a like-minded man, 32-50, with a pretty inside. Box 453066 **Q**

WANNA RIDE WITH YOU Curvaceous lady, 40, 5ft8, long curly hair, into motorbikes!! Single mum, seeks fun-loving like ban for rides into the sunset. Eastbourne. Box 458787 **Q**

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU Audrey here, I live in Seaford, and WLTm caring man. I'm fun loving, loyal, honest, adventurous, and love animals, cooking, music, film, country-side. Box 872159 **Q**

SHOW ME LOVE Active sporty female, 43, enjoys the usual things in life, looking for someone genuine and honest, initially for friendship but then who knows? Tunbridge Wells. Box 868335 **Q**

TALL ORDER Curvy lady, 5ft9, 43yrs old, blonde/hair/green eyes. I live in Deal in Kent, I'm down-to-earth and like being out and about. Box 456020 **Q**

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gsoh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 **Q**

ACTIVE TYPE Lively, energetic fun loving mum, 42, 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair, hazel eyes, WLTm honest, fun, mixed race/black/gent, for lasting relationship. Box 451819 **Q**

HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128 **Q**

SWEET AS HONEY Petite, slim, honey-blond lady, 5'4" age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-riding. Looking for a dark-haired, genuine, honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465 **Q**

TOO MUCH TO ASK? Divorced lady, 45, young looking, blonde, 5ft5. I'm well travelled and have many interests, WLTm black or mixed race, looking man for LTR. Chatham. Box 459246 **Q**

STARTING OVER Divorced 45yr old curvy woman, brown eyes/hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soaps, the beach, WLTm a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford. Box 878141 **Q**

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LOVE IS ALL AROUND Happy-go-lucky, bubbly Blonde, 42, blue eyes, hard-working, love outings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for relationship. Bromley. Box 454517 **Q**

HELLO EVERYONE! Single dog-owner, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks, WLTm a non-smoking guy to share it all with. Seaford. Box 454569 **Q**

LIFE IS GIVING LOVE A GUARANTEE Down-to-earth lady, 42, sincere, honest and reliable, looking for a male for friendship first, going out, enjoying evenings and perhaps something more later on. Box 449712 **Q**

HAPPY TIMES ARE HERE TO STAY Single mum, 42, 5ft6, likes fun nights out, cinema, meals out, cuddles and kisses, looking for a fun-loving gent to share happy times with. Ashford. Box 459892 **Q**

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GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 **Q**

FROM THIS MOMENT Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, N/S, affectionate, loyal and caring, looking for a male, 40-45, N/S, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford. Box 454591 **Q**

ETERNALLY YOURS Easygoing woman, likes most things in life; country walks, films, cinema, cooking. I'm 46, 5ft2, medium build, WLTm genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635 **Q**

HELP ME OPEN UP Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, WLTm male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585 **Q**

MY PRINCE? Not-just-for-xmas dog lover, into sports, walks, motorbikes, GSOH, female, 47, pretty, long dark hair, looking for knight in shining armour! East Sussex area. Box 872961 **Q**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 **Q**

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER Bubbly caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 425952 **Q**

MAKE IT ENJOYABLE Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460686 **Q**

ARE YOU LOVING AND CARING? Young 48y old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434059 **Q**

INTO THE SUNSET Romantic lady, 50, 5'5", blue eyes brown hair likes to travel, site see, go out, seeking a special man in my life. Dover. Box 460287 **Q**

NOTHING VENTURED.... Hi there, I'm a Sussex based, 51yr old woman, I love eating out, historical sites etc. Looking for kind gent for friendship, evenings out, maybe more. Box 459181 **Q**

CARING & PROFESSIONAL Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 471100 **Q**

JUST IMAGINE Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **Q**

AWAY WE GO Cranky young-at-heart lady, 52, 5ft10, enjoys simple pleasures...dancing, walks, people, attempting art and poetry, WLTm new male friends for socialising, laughing and moving on. Box 870417 **Q**

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DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS? Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863 **Q**

ALWAYS LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE Intelligent woman of 65, 5ft4, 100lb Londoner, plays/shows, cinema, walking, the sea, travel, seeking a Kentish male companion of similar age to share these. Maidstone. Box 460816 **Q**

HOLDING OUT FOR A HERO Londoner new to the area, 57, 5ft5, slim attractive blonde, seeking a man for serious relationship and lasting happiness. Box 449587 **Q**

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS! Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795 **Q**

MAKE A NEW FRIEND Fun-loving lady, 58, 5ft4, dark hair, single mum! Likes countryside walks, reading, cooking and cosy nights in, seeks similar male. Folkestone. Box 460420 **Q**

WALKS ALONG THE COAST Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 **Q**

THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE 59yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kind-spirited who loves animals, going for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 90143 **Q**

BRIGHTENING UP Cuddly lady, 61, 5ft5, blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more, WLTm tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others lives. Box 870214 **Q**

SIMPLE PLEASURES Hi there, I'm a 61yr old lady, blonde/hair/green eyes, medium build, I love dancing, walking by the sea and WLTm like minded gent. Box 459467 **Q**

LOOKING FOR PRINCE CHARMING Pretty, bubbly girl in her 60's love romantic meals, gardens, and the arts looking for caring gentlemen. East Sussex. Box 458169 **Q**

LEVE ME DO Loving and caring lady, 63, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, likes most things in life, looking for a caring and considerate male for friendship, hopefully a LTR. Margate. Box 460082 **Q**

QUALITY TIME Widow, early 60s, likes dancing, drinks, gardening, socialising, and walks works, seeking a good gent. Ramsgate. Box 460872 **Q**

PUT SPARK INTO LIFE Caring slim female, 64, 5ft2, like meals out, cinema, walks, gardening and golf, looking for a kind and loving companion. 60-68. Box 450581 **Q**

MAKE YOUR MARK Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5ft8, brown hair and eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, WLTm someone trustworthy and caring. Box 448372 **Q**

GIVE ME A TRY 42 separated need a kind, loving, female to share good times with. I am 5'10", blue eyes, attractive, a bit shy but good nice confident. Box 868455 **Q**

SIMILAR INTERESTS? Easygoing, laid back gent, compassionate and kind. I'm 45 and have dark hair. I love music (especially 60s/70s), travel, current affairs, WLTm fun, easygoing woman. Box 458860 **Q**

ONE STEP CLOSER Truthful male, 43, 5ft8, brown hair/eyes, medium build, own house, enjoys most things, seeks loving woman. Brighton. Box 455722 **Q**

GOOD LOOKING BLOKE Tall man medium build, 44, 5ft9, brown hair/eyes, with an outgoing nature, looking for a female similar to myself with long hair. Box 871274 **Q**

STANDING ON OUR OWN FEET Hi there, 43 year old outgoing male, 6ft, with brown hair/blue eyes, sincere, caring, generous & thoughtful, OHAC, seeks caring sincere female for loving relationship...Kent. Box 884870 **Q**

VOLUPTUOUS LADY Curvy lady, 57, very loving and graceful, enjoy the beach, music, walking, theatre, and reading, looking for a lady 50-70. Box 458935 **Q**

MEN seeking women

MAKE A PLAY Sporty male, 19, 6'2", stocky, likes watching and playing football, looking for a similar girl, 20-26. Rochester. Box 460785 **Q**

TWO HERESIES Easy-going male, 28, gsoh, honest, caring, slim, dark hair, blue eyes, likes countryside, music, travel, seeking a woman for laughter, smiles, good time, 18-28. Hastings. Box 460821 **Q**

SPEAKING IN TONGUES Lithuanian male, 28, looking for a nice girl to get to know for possible, friendship and romance. Margate. Box 460767 **Q**

MAKE A CONNECTION Fun and friendly male, 31, seeking for a loving woman for a friendship and relationship. Box 460649 **Q**

SEE HERE! Hi Lee here, 34, slim, blonde, blue eyes, looking for someone for fun, friendship and maybe more in time... Tunbridge Wells. Box 459156 **Q**

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OFF: Chatham won despite Ray Powell's (right) red card

Ten man Chats have boss O'Brien asking for more

CHATHAM Town produced a stirring rear-guard action with ten men as they saw off Walton & Hersham to remain in the Ryman South's leading pack.

Goals from skipper Richard Avery and Brendon Cass put the Chats in charge in the first-half before the home side pulled a goal back early in the second-half. Town had to dig deep after Ray Powell was sent off, but hung on for the three points.

Manager Alex O'Brien had questioned his side's mental toughness in recent weeks, so was delighted to come through Saturday's test.

FOOTBALL

Walton & Hersham 1 Chatham Town 2

He told Yourmedway: "That's what we've been asking for. On a positive note they've realised they can win games by putting in a lot of hard work – we were fantastic in the first-half with the way we kept the ball and passed it. But me being me, I'm never satisfied so the challenge now is to do it week-in week-out, that's the test we've set them now."

The Chats made a fast start against Walton

& Hersham and were 2-0 up inside 20 minutes. Avery headed them in front before Cass slotted home a second as the Chats surged into a deserved lead.

The home side got back into the game eight minutes after the break direct from a disputed free-kick and got another lifeline when Powell was harshly dismissed for a second booking.

O'Brien, who works with referees at the Football Association for a living, was unhappy with the officials but his side defended well to stay sixth in the table.

Chatham host Ashford Town on Saturday.

RUGBY

Picture: IOR KUPCO



EXIT: Medway were knocked out of the Senior Vase

Medway's Senior Vase hopes are shattered at home

Medway 24 Horsham 36

MEDWAY'S hopes of EDF Energy Senior Vase glory are over for another year as they were beaten by Horsham for the second time in as many weeks.

After a 31-15 league defeat last weekend, Medway came out of the blocks quickly and grabbed a 12-0 lead, courtesy of tries from Danny Williams and Luke Burns. Horsham fought back and they took the lead shortly before half-time.

Medway responded early in the second-half with a third try which saw them briefly hold a 24-21 lead. However, the home side's defence struggled to keep the Horsham backs quiet and the Sussex side went on to score further tries to regain the lead.

Horsham booked their place in the next round of the competition by closing the game out with a try in the final ten minutes to take the final score to 24-36.

Medway return to London South East 3 action with a challenge this Saturday, as they face second-placed Charlton Park, who have a 100 per cent record this season.

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MIXED WEEKEND: Nicky Lewis (left) scored twice but failed to prevent Invicta Dynamos losing their 100 per cent start at Bracknell on Saturday, before bouncing back against Peterborough with Peter Vaisanen (right) scoring four goals

Mos suffer a shock first defeat away to Bracknell

ICE HOCKEY

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Bracknell Hornets 4 Invicta Dynamos 3

two minutes they were level as Lewis smashed home from close range.

The frenetic period continued and a minute later the Mos re-took the lead. Jack Tarczycki's speculative long range effort was heading wide but was deflected past the netminder to make it 3-2 to the visitors.

Significantly they could not add to their lead despite creating several chances in the third period, with Andy Smith, Peter Vaisanen and Lewis all coming close.

Midway through the final 20 minutes the Hornets struck twice in quick succession to decide the game, the winner coming via another deflection. The Mos pushed late on in search

of an equaliser but could not turn their pressure into a goal and the home side clung on for victory.

Fortunately for the Mos they had an opportunity to make amends almost straight away, as struggling Peterborough Islanders visited the Gillingham Ice Bowl on Sunday. The visitors, who had won just once in the league this season, arrived with just eight outfield players and were second best throughout.

The Mos seized the initiative from the very beginning and the only surprise was it took them 11 minutes to open the scoring. Vaisanen got it, squirming away from a challenge to fire home.

Further strikes from Anthony Lennon and AJ Smith made it 3-0 by the end of the first period. Vaisanen completed his hat-trick in the second period to extend the lead, while goals from Johan Stenvall and Andy Smith cancelled out two strikes from the visitors.

Vaisanen, AJ Smith and two for Lewis rounded off the thumping in the third period.

Milton Keynes Thunder visit this Sunday, face-off 5.15pm.

Fringe players told to buck their ideas up or ship out

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Southend United 1

Barnard 90+3

Gillingham 0

MARK Stimson has told four underperforming players to shape up after leaving a space blank on the team sheet at Southend United on Friday.

The Gills only named six substitutes for the trip to Roots Hall, with the Gills boss hoping to send a message to the quartet that a place in the squad needs to be earned.

The group will all get a chance in the reserves' trip to Crystal Palace this afternoon after flattering to deceive in the reverse fixture last week.

Stimson said: "I didn't think anyone's performance in the reserves warranted a place on my bench. That was [Adam] Miller, [Garry] Richards, Luis Cumber and Andy Pugh – four players who I didn't think performed well enough to come on the bench.

"Sometimes it's probably too easy to sit on the bench and be part of it, hopefully they'll take it in the right way, buck up a little bit and



LEFT OUT: Gillingham manager Mark Stimson chose to name a smaller squad at Southend to send a message to four misfiring players, including Adam Miller (pictured)

show me on Wednesday they want to be on the bench.

"You've got to earn your right to travel with the first-team and be part of it, otherwise it becomes a bit of a jolly-up. It's serious business."

The four players missed the despair of another defeat away from home as the Gills were stung by Lee Barnard's 93rd minute strike. It was harsh on the Gills, who deserved at least a point for their efforts, but instead it was a fifth straight reverse on the road.

Stimson felt aggrieved about the decision to

Gillingham starting XI



Subs used: Maher (Oli 71), Palmer (Nutter 78)

rule out John Nutter's first-half free-kick, chalked off for an infringement in the wall. It was one of the few efforts on goal from the visitors, who struggled to get behind the Southend back four.

Simeon Jackson had a first-half shot brilliantly blocked on the line, while Mark Bentley blasted over from close range in the visitors' only clear chance in the second-half.

The Gills boss admitted he would have settled for a point, but was unhappy with aspects of the performance, particularly his side's bad habit of neglecting to shoot from range.

He said: "It's just the players having that belief. Before the game you see them all shooting, but it's when the whistle goes that you need the courage and ability to do it. There are one or two players who should do it more."

The Gills will have an immediate chance for revenge when the sides meet in the FA Cup at Priestfield on Saturday. Log on to www.yourmedway.co.uk from 2pm for the latest team news and reports from the game.

FOOTBALL



Picture: ADY KERRY

PATIENCE: Simon King hopes to play a part this season

King's hoping to play some part for Gills

SIMON King has begun his rehabilitation following ankle surgery but admits he would be happy just to return to the Gillingham side before the end of the season.

The Gillingham defender has been out since rupturing ligaments in July. After the injury failed to heal itself naturally, he went under the knife in September and tentative treatment is now underway.

King, 26, is scheduled to begin impact work in mid-January, but the highly-rated centre-back told Yourmedway he would settle for coming back before May.

"It's going to be difficult because being out for so long you tend to pick up other little injuries along the way," he said. "I've got to get my fitness back, so I'm just hoping I'll get to play some part of this season."

The long weeks since picking up the injury have given the defender plenty of time for reflection. Never far away from his thoughts has been a nagging doubt the injury was partly his own doing.

"In hindsight I don't think I did myself any favours last year playing through ankle injuries," he said.

"It was painful before and after games, but I didn't really feel it during them. At the time I didn't realise the damage I was doing to my body, you just want to play every game."

For someone who had previously avoided serious injuries, King readily admits the time spent out has been a shock to the system, but is now able to look ahead with some optimism.

He said: "You do feel isolated and away from it – I think that's the hardest thing to cope with."

"There's a bit of light at the end of the tunnel. Coming off the crutches, you could say that's the most difficult part done now."

LEAGUE TABLES

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Leeds United	15	11	3	1	+21	36
2 Charlton Athletic	15	8	5	2	+9	29
3 Milton Keynes Dons	15	9	2	4	+5	29
4 Colchester United	15	8	4	3	+13	28
5 Norwich City	15	7	4	4	+8	25
6 Huddersfield Town	15	7	3	5	+13	24
7 Millwall	15	6	6	3	+10	24
8 Swindon Town	15	5	7	3	-1	22
9 Bristol Rovers	15	7	1	7	-3	22
10 Southend United	15	5	5	5	+2	20
11 Hartlepool United	15	5	5	5	+1	20
12 Walsall	15	5	5	5	-1	20
13 Oldham Athletic	15	5	5	5	-2	20
14 Yeovil Town	15	4	6	5	-2	18
15 Carlisle United	15	4	5	6	-3	17
16 Brentford	15	4	5	6	-5	17
17 Exeter City	15	4	5	6	-6	17
18 Leyton Orient	15	4	4	7	-11	16
19 Gillingham	15	4	3	8	-4	15
20 Brighton & Hove Albion	15	3	5	7	-9	14
21 Stockport County	15	3	5	7	-11	14
22 Southampton (-10)	15	5	7	3	+7	12
23 Tranmere Rovers	15	3	1	11	-21	10
24 Wycombe Wanderers	15	1	5	9	-10	8

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH (Top half)

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Worthing	13	9	0	4	+12	27
2 Folkestone Invicta	12	8	3	1	+10	27
3 Godalming Town	12	8	1	3	+10	25
4 Fleet Town	12	7	2	3	+13	23
5 Merstham	13	7	2	4	+5	23
6 Chatham Town	13	7	2	4	+2	23
7 Croydon Athletic	11	6	4	1	+19	22
8 Walton & Hersham	11	5	3	3	+2	18
9 Corinthian-Casuals	13	5	3	5	0	18

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Faversham Town	10	9	1	0	21	28
2 Erith & Belvedere	10	7	0	3	5	21
3 Herne Bay	9	6	1	2	8	19
4 Beckenham Town	9	5	1	3	6	16
5 Sevenoaks Town	10	4	3	3	5	15
6 Greenwich Borough	10	4	3	3	2	15
7 Erith Town	8	3	3	2	5	12
8 Fisher	11	3	2	6	-8	11
9 Holmesdale	9	3	1	5	-2	10
10 Norton Sports	10	3	1	6	-5	10
11 Sporting Bengal Utd	9	3	1	5	-12	10
12 Deal Town	8	2	3	3	-6	9
13 Hythe Town	6	2	2	2	7	8
14 Tunbridge Wells	8	1	5	2	0	8
15 Corinthian	7	0	3	4	-11	3
16 Lordswood	8	0	2	6	-15	2

FIXTURES (Saturday): FA Cup first round proper: Gillingham v Southend United; Ryman Division One South: Chatham Town v Ashford Town; Kent League Premier Division: Greenwich Borough v Lordswood

Fry hopes Gills cook up a deal to extend his stay

FOOTBALL

MATT Fry is optimistic of extending his loan deal at Gillingham if they can agree terms with parent club West Ham.

The 19-year-old had not played senior first-team football before joining Gills last month but the centre-back has excelled, forming a promising partnership with Josh Gowling.

With the chance of a first-team appearance at West Ham remote for the moment, Fry, whose initial deal runs out later this month, is keen on staying longer.

He said: "It's obviously down to Gillingham but if the time comes then they'll have a discussion with West Ham. Depending on what they have in store for me I would like to extend the loan. You can't beat playing first-team football week-in week-out and feeling the highs and lows of the game. I would be interested if it came to that."

"I am learning a lot about myself being here and I think I'm maturing every game I play."

The chances of an extension appear good. Fry was brought in as cover for Simon King, who will be out until the spring with an ankle injury. Gills boss Mark Stimson has been impressed with Fry's performances so far and West Ham are likely to favour keeping him out on loan to gain experience.

If both parties agreed then the deal could be extended for up to two more months. When the January transfer window opens the Gills could look to arrange another loan until the end of the season.



Picture: ADY KERRY

LOAN RANGER: Matt Fry hopes to stay at Priestfield

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